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SUBJECT

Shifting of the Hebbal Rifle Range

part-III

(Important notes & letters extracted for compilation)

WTM No 427

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ROUTINE NOTES.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

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Shifting of the Rifle Range from Hebbal

Enclosures to be in Mail Bag

To The Supdt, Govt. Printing Bangalore

Two Chn proofs may kindly be sent early

Asst Secretary

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for S Home Dept Supdt, CB 8/5/24

N. B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

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No.63. D.O.No.588 dated 4th April from Sir M. Kantaraj Urs, Dewan to R. H. Campbell, Private Secretary.

Confidential.

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D.O. no. 588 Hqrs, Dewan of

Bangalore,

4th April 1921.

My Dear Sir

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your demi-official letter No.983 dated the 16th ultimo returning the file relating to the shifting of the Rifle Range from Hebbal. As directed by His Highness, I shall take the necessary action with a view to obtain the details of the expenditure of 2½ lakhs which the Brigade Office Committee estimate to be the probable cost of shifting the buildings from Hebbal to the proposed new Rifle Range to the north of the Civil and Military Station. I will also point out that in view of their previous assurances no more extent of land than what is equal to the Hebbal Rifle Range, should be asked for. But before addressing the Residency, I should very much like to have the opportunity of submitting, for His Highness' gracious consideration, the following facts relating to the expenditure that will have to be incurred if the proposed shifting is sanctioned:-

The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, who was demi-officially consulted, considers that a net income of about two lakhs of rupees might be expected by the sale of lands included in the present Hebbal Rifle Range, if they are disposed of as

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as building sites, after the Range is relinquished by the Military authorities. I am also of the opinion that it will be more advantageous to sell the land to be utilised for building sites than for purposes of cultivation. We may expect to obtain a net income of about a lakh and a half by this method of disposal. The cost of acquiring 450 acres of land inclusive of village sites, for the new Rifle Range even assuming that the Military authorities will agree to restrict their requirements to this extent, and also that of allowing for the extra charges on account of compulsory acquisition, will come to about Rs.2,04,631. As stated already, the Brigade Office Committee estimate that the cost of removing the buildings in the Rifle Range will be about 2½ lakhs of rupees, so that the total cost of the new Range will be atleast Rs.4,54,631. Allowing for a net income of a lakh and a half from the disposal of sites in the old Rifle Range, the net cost to Govornment of shifting the Range will be Rs.3,04,631 or about 3 lakhs.

I feel that in our present condition an expenditure of three lakhs for this purpose would impose an undue strain on the finances of the State and cannot be justified. I shall be obliged if you will kindly ascertain the pleasure of His Highness on this representation.

I would, however, submit that even if the letter is

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is directed to be forwarded, the last paragraph expressing the immense satisfaction of the Durbar at the decision of the Government of India to locate the Air force elsewhere may be deleted. The manner in which the feelings of the Durbar in regard to this decision are expressed does not seem to me to be quite in accord either with good taste or with the dignity that should characterise communications issuing from the Government of His Highness.

Yours Sincerely
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R.H.Campbell Esq., C.I.E.
Private Secretary to His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore.

D.64. D.O.No.214 dated 11th April 1921 from Mr. R.H. Campbell, Private Secretary to Sir M. Kantaraj Urs, Dewan.

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D.O. Fr. no. 170 / Enc. 1 file

The Palace, Mysore,
11th April 1921.

My dear Sir,

I am directed to return the file which accompanied your D.O. letter No. 588 dated 4th of April and to say that His Highness has no intention of committing the Durbar to any expenditure but that his object is to endeavour to reduce the figure of expenditure on which the Military Authorities are insisting.

In deference to your views regarding the last paragraph of the draft letter, I am to say that the paragraph may be deleted.

Yours sincerely,

Rajasevadhurina

Sirdar M. Kantaraj Urs, C.S.I.,
Dewan of Mysore,
Mysore.

265. Letter No. Pol. 1061 dated the
1921 from Mr. K. Matthan, Chi
to the Secretary to the Reside

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To The P.A.R.

Dated 15th April 1921.

P.Z. No. 1061

Sir,

Q.M. 335-17-31

ISSUED.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 8092/701 dated the 14th September 1920, forwarding for the consideration of the Durbar, a copy of a letter No. 11135/1/Q1 dated the 3rd September 1920, with enclosure from the General Officer Commanding 9th (Seconderabad) Division, on the question of a new site for the Military Rifle Range, and a site for the Royal Air Force Aerodrome, at Bangalore.

Sd by Mr. K. Matthan
15/4/21.

~~The Rifle Range.~~

2. The Durbar are concerned to find that the Brigadier-General now asks for 186 acres more than the area of the present Rifle Range at Hebbal and "the difference", the General explains "is accounted for by the danger area in which, of course, there is no objection to cultivation so long as firing rights are acquired. The danger area in Hebbal is not in accordance with Musketry regulations and might involve His Highness's Government as well as the Military in grave legal difficulties in case of accidents were this site to be retained as a range."

As the Hon'ble the Resident is aware, the Durbar have all along been laying special stress on the equality of exchange, and insisting that the new area should not exceed that of the existing Range, which has been in use for a considerable length of time, and with which the Military have presumably been perfectly satisfied.

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The Durbar cannot recall a single instance during the past 30 years of any serious accident occurring owing to the restricted area of the Danger Zone.

In your letter No. 7820 dated the 28th October 1919 you have stated as follows :- " The sites actually to be occupied by them (the Military authorities) will be determined when the ground has been carefully examined but the total area taken up will not be in excess of the area at Hebbal" The General Officer too, has stated in his letter dated the 11th November 1919, a copy of which was forwarded to the Durbar by the First Assistant Resident with his letter dated the 11th December 1919 that "the area of the proposed rifle range as shown on the plan is about 108 acres ..... The area it is proposed to ask for, in addition, to equal the total area of the Hebbal range site is marked approximately in blue."

3. In view of these assurances, which were given to the Durbar both by the then General Officer Commanding 9th Division, and by yourself on behalf of the Hon'ble the Resident, the Durbar are unable to understand why a considerably larger area should now be asked for, and they would be obliged if the Hon'ble the Resident would remind the Military authorities of their promise to be satisfied with the same extent as they now have at Hebbal, and induce them to reconsider the matter.

4. As regards the expense connected with the transfer of the Ranges from Hebbal,

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and their establishment on the new site, the Durbar note that the Committee, which was appointed by the Military authorities to go into the question, has reported that the total cost would amount to Rs 2½ lakhs. The Durbar are inclined to think that this is too high an estimate, and would be obliged if some indication could be given them as to how this figure was arrived at. The Durbar would also like to know what the existing buildings are valued at. They feel sure that the Military authorities do not expect the Durbar to pay for a more up-to-date range or provide them with facilities which they do not enjoy on the present site. They hope that the Military authorities will do all they can to help them in effecting the proposed transfer, at the lowest possible cost.

The Aerodrome.

3) As regards land required for the aerodrome, the decision of the Government of India, communicated in the General Officer's letter to you of the 31st January 1921, disposes of the question in a manner most agreeable to the Durbar. I am to say that the Durbar have received this intelligence with much satisfaction. It has been a great relief to them to find that they have not been called upon to give up any more land for Military purposes, and that the Government of India have found it convenient and possible to locate the air Force elsewhere rather than in Bangalore.

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66. Memo No. 5279 dated 10th June 1921 from the Residency to the Chief Secretary to Govt.

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MYSORE RESIDENT'S OFFICE,

Bangalore, 10th June 192 1.

No. 5279
H dc-70-A-1916.

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10 JUN. 1921

3-45 p.m.

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R. M. 335-07-32

A copy of the marginally* noted letter, ~~with enclosure~~, is forwarded, with compliments, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore, for information, with reference to his letter Pol. No. 1061, dated the 15th April 1921, and for favour of any remarks which the Durbar may have to offer.

No. 517 dated 31st May 1921,
2.Q.
from the General Officer Commanding, Madras District.

Secretary to the Resident.
~~First Assistant Resident~~
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R. O. 178.—R. P. B.—3-1921.—3,000.

Enclosure to

Letter No. 517/2/Q., dated the 31st May 1921 from the General Officer Commanding, Madras District, to the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

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Hebbal Rifle Range.

1. In reply to your letter No.4553/70 A-1916 of the 17th instant I am directed to say that if a new site is to be acquired for a Range in place of that at Hebbal there is no alternative but to ensure that it conforms to the Musketry Regulations.

It need hardly be said that it is not the intention of the Military Authorities to drive a bargain on the exchange but, as a matter of course, to meet His Highness the Maharaja's wishes in every way possible.

2. It was on account of the large numbers of Troops in Camp during the war who encroached on the privacy of the Palace grounds which first brought up the question of moving the Range to another site. Possibly this inconvenience may no longer exist as the strength of the Bangalore Post War Garrison is now only about ¼ of what it was during the war.

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AGM 15/6/1921 The G.O.C. has merely entered a non possumus. The cifn about military buildings requested by this Govt has not been given and no indication given as to why the requirements on the new site should not be made to conform to those on the present site.

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The point which the Mil Dy authorities are evading is that if Mil Dy Reps require a larger area they had undertaken not to ask for a larger area than the. If Mil Dy Reps require a larger area, perhaps the Mil Dy authorities may be willing to pay for the extra area. We suggest that in view of the smaller strength of the garrison the hampers of the Rifle Range boundary wall may no longer be necessary in future. There is no guarantee

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that the strength of the garrison may not be raised, and that the same difficulties will not arise again.

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The note is submitted for consideration

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Secy.

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A draft reply to the Resolution is placed at the file.

Sd/ [illegible] 28/1/22

Submit at 3 p.m. 31/1/22

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Recd back with further instructions

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To speak to H. S. Sd/ [illegible]

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HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA'S PRIVATE SECRETARIAT.

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Shifting of the Hebbal Rifle Range.

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1. The area of the present Range at Hebbal is about 450 acres

2. The probable income to be got by its disposal as building sites less incidental cost is 1½ lakhs

3. The area of the new Range selected by the military to the east of Cow Station is 636 acres.

4. The area proposed to be given by the Bombay Government in exchange agreed to by the military authorities is 450 acres.

5. The probable cost of acquiring this plot of ground is 2 lakhs

6. The cost of removing the present Range from Hebbal and fitting up the new Range is as estimated by the military authorities 2½ lakhs

7. Thus the total net cost involved in the transfer is 3 lakhs

This estimate is not likely to exceed as even in case the military authorities think it absolutely necessary to have 636 acres, they may, as the Chief Secretary suggests in his note dt 10/9/21, be asked to-

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bear the cost of the excess land they require. Besides it was also considered that the Military Authorities estimate under item 6 above viz 2½ lakhs for removing ~~from~~ the present range and setting up the New Range is capable of reduction.

8. The points at issue now are

(i) What extent of land should be given at the new site in exchange for the present Rifle Range at Hebbal.

ii) Whether or not the Military Authorities' estimate of 2½ lakhs can be reduced.

To these may be added a third one now raised by the Military authorities viz

iii) Whether or not the need for shifting the Hebbal Range continues at present in view of the fact that the present strength of the Garrison at Bangalore is ¼ of what it was during the war.

The Chief Secretary in his note

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Quite so	referred to above explains that the need for the shifting of the Hebbal Range has not disappeared with the fall in the present strength of the Garrison and suggests that the whole question may be settled at a Conference between the Resident, the Genl. Officer Commanding and the Dewan
	22/11/21
I am not in favour of this suggestion. The Dewan may have a talk [illegible] [illegible] informal [illegible] if necessary. We are in no hurry [illegible] question [illegible] [illegible] its own [illegible] matter may be [illegible] occasion a correspondence	
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No.70. Submission Note dated 22nd April 1922. with orders. dtd

Submitted to His Highness.

These papers relate to the proposed shifting of the Rifle Ranges from Hebbal.

2. With reference to Mr.Campbell's D.O.No.214 dated the 11th April 1921, a letter was addressed to the Residency explaining clearly that the area of the new site to be selected for the Rifle Range should not exceed the present area at Hebbal and requesting to be furnished with details of the cost, viz., 2½ lakhs of rupees for shifting the ranges, as estimated by the Committee appointed by the Military Authorities for the purpose.

3. We have agreed to meet the cost of the removal but have asked (1) for the fulfilment of the promise that the area asked for should be equal in extent to the area surrendered and (2) for an indication of the details of the expenditure (estimated at Rs.2½ lakhs) reported to be incidental to the removal. In their latest letter, the Military authorities, however, have contented themselves with some generalities in regard to the necessity to conform to the Musketry regulations, the disavowal of any intention to drive a bargain on the exchange and the probable disappearance of the necessity for the removing from Hebbal range at present.

4. The accompanying draft reply to the Residency explaining the position clearly and the necessity for shifting the range from the present locality and asking for the details of the cost, etc. may be graciously approved.

Draft for approval

Bangalore,
22nd April 1922.

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Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

Draft reply to the Residency regarding the shifting of the Rifle Ranges from Hebbal

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No. 71. Letter No. Pol. 978 dated 26th April 1922 from Mr. K. Matthan, Chief Secretary, to the Secretary to the Resident.

Sir,

P. & D.

Adverting to the correspondence ending with your office endorsement No.5279 dated the 10th June 1921 forwarding for the Durbar's remarks a copy of letter No.517/2/Q dated the 31st May 1921 from the General Officer Commanding, Madras District on the subject of the - - shifting of the Hebbal Rifle Range to another site, I am directed in the first place to express the thanks of the Durbar to the Military authorities for their expressed intention to meet His Highness the Maharaja's wishes in every way possible.

2. In the letter of the Genl Offr Commanding it is stated ~~also states~~ (i) that if a new site is to be acquired for a Range in place of that at Hebbal, there is no alternative, but to ensure that it conforms to the Musketry Regulations and it is suggested (ii) that the necessity for removing the Range from Hebbal may possibly no longer exist as the present strength of the garrison at Bangalore is now only about one-fourth of what it was during the War.

3. As regards this latter suggestion, I am to state that the necessity for removal of the Rifle Range still continues. The inconvenience due to its close proximity to His Highness' Palace, to two important highways and to the place ~~xxxx~~ where two Units of the State Troops are located remains as before and the Durbar still consider it highly desirable that a definite decision as to a ~~the~~ new site for the Range should be arrived at as early as possible.

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As regards the area of the new site, the Durbar wish to point out once more , what they have all along emphasised in this correspondence, that the land to be given to the Military authorities should be equal in extent to that which they are asked to relinquish. The proposals which the Durbar have put forward relate to the shifting of the Range, such as it is- with its present area, its present status as to jurisdiction, and its present conveniences-, to a less objectionable site than this. If the present area does not provide a Ranges zone which is in conformity with Musketry regulations, that is not a new factor which has arisen in consequence of the Durbar's request. The General Officer Commanding, Madras District, has in his letter disclaimed any "intention to drive a bargain on the exchange". Pursuant to this disclaimer, the Durbar ask that the question of acquiring a larger area for the Rifle Ranges be not raised in connection with the question of exchange of site.

Lastly, I am to invite a reference to the concluding para of my letter No.Pol.1061 dated the 15th April 1921 as to the cost involved in the transfer and to request that the information asked for therein may be kindly furnished.

I have, etc.,

Chief Secretary to Government.

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MYSORE RESIDENT'S OFFICE,

Bangalore, 27th July 1922.

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27 JUL 1922

A copy of the marginally* noted letter, ~~with~~ and of its enclosures, is forwarded,

No. 517/10 dated 20th July 1922; from the General Officer Commanding, Madras District.

with compliments, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore, for information, with reference to his letter No. Pol 978, dated the 26th April 1922, and for favour of any remarks which the Durbar may have to offer.

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(?) J. Bowerman

Secretary to the Resident.

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R. O. 106.—R. P. B.—7-1922.—2,000.

Enclosure to

Letter No.517/15/A, dated the 20th July 1922, from the Colonel Commandant, Commanding Madras District, Wellington, to the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

Exchange of Lands-Bangalore
Hebbal Range.

With reference to your No.4280/70A-1916, dated 16th May 1922, I have the honour to submit my remarks as follows:-

(1) In view of the fact that it is over a year since the last letter on this subject was received, I was under the impression that the whole matter had been dropped.

(2) As however it appears that the question is to be revived, there is a point to which I should like to draw special attention and that is that if the Range is removed, it would be entirely at the instance of and for the benefit of the Mysore Authorities. We are perfectly content with the Range as it is at present. It is conveniently situated and affords all the necessary facilities for training. If therefore we move it, the removal would be solely for the purpose of obliging the Durbar. The whole expense of the move including the provision of the new ground should therefore be borne by the Mysore Authorities.

(3) The point raised by the Durbar that we are asking for a larger acreage of ground for the Danger Zone of the new Range than we hold at present on the old Range is not in accordance with modern requirements. One may put up with and make the best of a situation like this in the case of an old Range, just as one may put up with and makes the best of the inconveniences of an old house. In building a new house, however, one would never perpetuate the inconveniences of the old ~~house~~ one. Similarly in constructing a new Range one would never deliberately lay it out with an inadequate Danger Zone.

(4) In selecting a new Range it is quite impossible to say actually how many acres will be required for the Danger Zone. It might be possible, for instance, to find a site at the foot of

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hill and where only a few acres would be required for safety purposes. On the other hand, it might be necessary to select a site on level ground where a very much larger area than the present one would be necessary. The acreage of the Danger Zone depends entirely on the site selected.

(5) Again, it is not a question of exchanging acre for acre, or sqare yard for square yard. A good deal depends on the value of the land on the site selected. It might be quite possible to find a site for the Range on land, the value of which is not more than half the value of the land at Hebbal. In this case the Durbar, without losing any money on the transaction might be in a position to allot us a much larger extent of ground than we have on the present Range.

(6) Before therefore taking exception to alloting us more ground for the Danger Zone than we are now in possession of, both the position of the new Range and the value of the land must be taken into consideration.

(7) With reference to the question raised in your letter that the cost of the removal would amount to 2½ lakhs, I forward herewith a copy of the Proceedings of a Board which assembled in this Office on 28th February 1918. It will be seen from this no information is available as to how the sum of 2½ lakhs was arrived at.

(8) Since 1918, however, the position has entirely changed. At that time a large number of buildings were in existence on the Range all of which required removing to the new site. Most of these buildings have now disappeared and the only buildings which would now require removal and re-erection are those belonging to the S.I.R.A. and certain Stores, Cookhouses, godowns, etc., used by the troops when camped on the Range for Musketry.

(9) I attach herewith an estimate showing the cost of the removal and re-erection of these buildings, also cost of the removal and re-erection of the targets and contruction of Stop butt, etc., the total estimate amounting to Rs.70,000/-. This of course is exclusive of the value of the value of the land.

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The estimate can only be approximate, the cost depending entirely on the locality selected for the Range. If for instance as mentioned above a suitable hill could be found, a stop butt might be unnecessary and that amount in the estimate would be saved.

The Committee re-assembled at the Brigade Office, Bangalore, at 12 noon on the 28th February 1918, when the following members were present.

CHAIRMAN;

Brigadier-General H.A.Iggulden, Commanding Bangalore Brigade.

MEMBERS.

Colonel F.W.R.Cox, A.A. & Q.M.G., 9th Division.

Asst. Director of Medical Services, Bangalore & Southern Dists.

Asst. Commanding Royal Engineers, Banga-lore.

Station Staff Officer, Bangalore.

Major MacGeorge, R.E., A.C.R.E., submitted a note on the cost of removing buildings, etc., from which the Committee gather that the expenditure will be about 2½ lakhs.

After consideration, the Committee decided to recommend that the new Camp be located at a site on the Eastern side of the junction of the road leading to SARJAPUR with the BANGALORE- HOSUR Road and south of the Military Dairy Farm and the village of HADGODI (Shown in the middle of the lower part of Square B.1 on Map No.57H/9.

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Approximate cost of moving the Hebbal Rifle Ranges from their present site to a fresh site on flat ground omitting the cost of the land.

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(a) Buildings, etc. to be replaced.

Name of building.	Cost to build now	Estimated recovery from sale.	Balance.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Constructing S.I.R.A. Building at new site similar to existing type.	19,500	2,500	17,000
2. Old M.W.S. buildings and outhouses.	16,000	1,500	14,500
3. Construction of target stores.	6,000	1,000	5,000
4. Markers Shelter.	8,000	500	7,500
		Total.	44,000
(b) Cost of re-erecting movable materials.			
5. Removing, carting and fixing target frames, letters and numbers in range site No.50 at 30/- each.			1,500
6. - do - Telephone posts & wire.			200
		Total.	1,700
(c) New Work.			
7. Water supply 1½" main allowed for 1 mile length.			9,200
8. Construction of Stop Butt.		L.S.	15,000
9. Unforeseen Items.			100
		Total.	24,300
		Grand Total (a),(b),(c).	70,000

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of shifting the ranges will be about Rs 2,07,000.

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...proposals involve expenditure ...ing over B2 lakhs, there need ...s no hurry in ~~selecting~~ ...ing ~~on~~ the Exchange. It ...esirable to examine the ... whether another site not ... the back could not be selected. ... might then be considered ...

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...ville Mr. Marshall ... is in opening all ... lands occupied by the ... Kolaba & Ratnagiri ... since they form the key ... except the range — as regards

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Statement showing the particulars of lands in the occupation of the British Military authorities and their present position.

Village	Area	Remarks
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Bangalore Taluk.		
(1) Tavarekere	12-12	Permanent for a pumping station
(2) Maralgunte	345	Temporary. Leased out by the Jodidar for a dairy farm.
(3) Jarakabande Kaval.	686-26	Temporary. Leased out for a grass farm - lease renewable every 3 years.
(4) Kelsinarayanahalli	272-26	
(5) Lasseres	447-32	
(6) Water Works village near Hebbal camp No 2	27-38	Temporary till the stay of the Territorial Infantry Brigade. Since resumed.
(7) -do- land near Tippoo's Lookout	57-7	Temporary till the termination of the war. This has since been resumed. But the Military authorities have been permitted to use a portion of it occasionally for training purposes.

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all the lands held by the Dr. Mills Dept at present has been relinquished with the exception of the Rope Walk. The land as a rest house temporary occupation & is about 15 acres near Tippis' lookout

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Memo Council to
Agent Tippis with a copy
1/8 relinquishing
Clearly the Lands
Dept the Rope
Walk

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General and Revenue Secretariat

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No. 776

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To

The Revd Canon
Mysore

Date of issue 1918

Signed by No. 77.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to refer you to the correspondence ending with your letter No C 2460/18-19 of the 12/11/18 November 1920, regarding the shifting of the Rifle Range from Hebbal Site, I am desired to

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state that it is understood
that if it is possible to
find a site at the foot of
a hill for the new Rifle Range
the area required for
the ~~would be only a~~
~~few acres~~. I am accordingly
to request you to kindly consult
~~the~~ the Dy Comr, Bangalore,
as to whether another site
with a hill at the back
could not be selected.
The site selected should not
be an isolated one but should be contiguous to the
City Station on the
Mysore Railway

List of enclosures.

Yours sincerely,

for Chief Secy

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OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE.

C.No. 2460/Rg/18-19 Bangalore, 22nd November 1922.

our file

FROM

K.R. Srinivasiengar Esq., M.A.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

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C.M. 335-17-36

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore.

No.78. Letter No. 2460 dated 24th Nov. 1922 from Mr. K. R. Srinivasiengar, Revenue Commissioner, to Mr. Matthan, Chief Secretary.

ation of this office letter No.C.2460/ in re the selection of another site for ate that the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore No.H.C.435/19-20 dated 20th November 1922 that the Northern and Eastern portions of the Civil that there are no other sites which would suitably answer an the block already reported to Government as those portions are hilly. Hilly tracts are reported to be available in the Kengeri and Yeswanthapur Hoblies and in the Magadi Road.

2. The enclosures received with the Deputy Commissioner's letter are herewith transmitted for reference.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Revenue Commissioner.

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FROM

The *Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.*

To Chief
The Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
Department.

Dated 22rd November 1922

Despatched

Received

General No.

Enclosure No.

SUBJECT.

Re the selection of another
site to the Rifle Range

No. 79. Dewan's Submission Note dated 19th December 1922 with Orders.

Submitted to His Highness.

These papers relate to the proposed shifting of the Rifle Range from Hebbal.

2. On receipt of the Residency letter dated 27th July 1922, copy of which was submitted to His Highness with my submission Note dated the 31st July 1922, the local Revenue Officers were consulted on the question whether it is possible to find a site at the foot of a hill for the new Rifle Range so that the area required for the Danger Zone might be considerably diminished and the cost of removal also reduced appreciably.

3. The Revenue Commissioner has, after investigation, reported that there is no site with a hill at the back available for the purpose which would be contiguous to the Civil and Military Station either to the North or East thereof.

4. It is now clear that the only site to which the range could be conveniently shifted is the one to the east of Bangalore already selected by the Military authorities. The total net cost of shifting the range to this site will according to the present estimates be about Rs.2,07,257/- as shown below:-

Cost of acquisition of new range.	Rs.2,87,257
Deduct value of existing range.	1,50,000
Net cost of acquisition	Rs.1,37,257
Add cost of shifting buildings, etc.	70,000
Net total cost	Rs.2,07,257/-

5. While it is very necessary to shift the Rifle ranges from the present locality to the other side of Bangalore, it is now obviously impossible to

find such a large sum of money as two and odd lakhs required for the purpose. I am, therefore, of opinion that we may for the present keep the question under discussion urging again a reduction of area and the payment by the Military authorities of the cost of all modern improvements to the range such as water supply, construction of stop butts, etc., out of their own funds.

6. If His Highness graciously approves of the proposal, the Residency will be addressed accordingly.

Bangalore,
19th December 1922.

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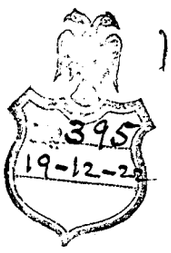

Subject.

Shifting of the Military camps from Hebbal.

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213) Chief Secy.

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To

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the

80. Letter No. Pol. 634 dated 13th January 1923
From Mr. K. Matthan, Chief Secretary, to
Mr. A. N. L. Catter, Secretary to the Resident.

13th January 1923

Adverting to the correspondence ending with your endorsement No. 6075 dated the 27th July 1922 forwarding copy of letter No. 517/15/Q dated the 25th July 1922 from the Col. Commandant, -- Commanding Madras Districts, for any -- remarks that His Highness' Government may have to offer I am directed to state as follows:-

His Highness' Government fully appre- - ciate the fact that the proposed exchange of the Rifle Range site with a view, as -- stated in letter No. 517/2/Q dated the 3 May 1921 of the Genl. Officer Commanding, to meet the wishes of His Highness the Maharaja. What they urge is that the -- Military authorities who are perfectly content with the range as it is at present "although its danger zone is not in -- accordance with modern requirements" can properly claim from His Highness' Government only the cost of removal of the range to a site of equal area and equal conveniences and any extra expenditure that may be involved by avoiding the present inconvenience of an inadequate danger zone or the providing conveniences that do not

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From

A. N. L. Cater, Esq., I.C.S.,

SECRETARY to the RESIDENT in MYSORE.

R. 2-335-14-38

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 23d July 1923.

Subject:—

Proposed Exchange of the Rifle Range Site - Hebbal - Bangalore.

No. 81. Letter No. 5816 dated 23rd July 1923 from Mr. A.N.L. Cater, Secretary to the Resident to Mr. K. Matthan, Chief Secretary to Government.

In continuation of my letter No.4485, dated the 9th June 1923, I am directed to state that the Colonel Commandant, Bangalore Brigade Area, has suggested that he, acting in conjunction with a representative of the Mysore Government, should reconnoitre and report on other available and suitable sites for a rifle range. His suggestion has been approved by the Head-Quarters, Madras District, and he has been requested to submit his report as early as possible. I am to request that, if there is no objection, arrangements may be made at an early date for the deputation of a representative of the Mysore Government for the above purpose.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Cater

SECRETARY TO R[illegible]

G. R. S. VI—G/32]

SUBJECT.....

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Diary No. of letter replied to

Section G.M

File No. 325-17

Serial No. 630

General [illegible] Secretariat

No. 82. Letter Nos. 10421-2 dated 4th January 1924
from (1) the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore and
to (2) the Inspector-General of Police.

Date of issue 4-1-24

Signed by Mr. C.V.K.

To

(1) The D.G.P. Police
in Mysore

(2) The Dy Comm Bangalore

Dear Sir,

In connection
with the proposed exchange
shifting of the existing
Rifle Range at Hebbal to
another suitable site,
the Govt desire that you
Mr. (1) Mr R. Venkoba Rao and
(2) Mr. P.F. Browning
yourself as representatives

over.

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of this Govt should in conjunction
with the Col. Commandant,
Bangalore Brigade Area,
reconnoitre and report on
other available and suitable
sites for a rifle range.
The Residency has been
requested to ask the Col
Commandant to place himself
in direct communication
with you and Mr. Venkoba Rao
(Mr P. J. Bowring)
and fix the place and date
of meeting &c. A note
containing a brief history
of the case is also enclosed
for your information.

Yours Sincerely

for Chief Secy

by

3/11/24

List of enclosures.

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No. 83. Mr. C. S. Kuppusamiengar's note dated 4th January 1924. Evidence to Hebbal.

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1. Hebbal Rifle Ranges.

The rifle ranges which had been previously located in the High Ground were removed to Hebbal in 1883. The land originally granted at Hebbal for the ranges was 96 acres and 3 guntas in extent. This was however extended from time to time and it now comprises 473 acres 39 guntas. The whole area has been formed into a separate village and has been given to the Military Authorities for the Rifle Ranges. It does not however form part of the C & M Station.

2. In April 1917 His Highness directed that steps might be taken to remove the military camp from Hebbal for the following reasons:-

(1) The privacy of the Palace is seriously interfered with by the close proximity of a large military camp of British Soldiers as thelatter frequent all the roads round the Palace.

(2) The danger of friction that may arise between the British troops and the men of the Mysore Imperial Service Lancers and Transport Corps whose lines are almost contiguous to the Hebbal Camp.

3. Accordingly a suggestion was made to the Residency in October 1917 for

shifting of the Hebbal Ranges to a more convenient locality away from the Palace on the other side of Bangalore in the vicinity of the Agaram plain, the cost of shifting the range being borne by Government.

4. A Special Committee consisting of British Military Officers and the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, was appointed by the Residency for the selection of a new suitable site for the Ranges. This Committee has estimated the cost of removing the buildings etc, from Hebbal to a new locality at 2½ lakhs of rupees. They selected a site to the South of the C & M Station measuring 528 acres and 30 guntas in the following villages:-

	Acres.	Guntas.
Kayamgutta Koramangala Village	195	30
Ijipura	31	37
Jaksandra.	301	3
	528	30

5. The Government however did not approve of this site and suggested to the Residency that the new site might be selected either to the North or the East of the C & M Station instead of to the South as proposed and that it should adjoin the C & M Station so as to form a continuous area with it. It was also brought to the notice that His Highness' Government would be glad if only an area equivalent to the Hebbal area is taken up for purposes of exch[illegible]

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6. The Offg: Dewan Mr.A.R.Banerji had a discussion with the Hon'ble the Resident on the subject on 11th January 1919. He furnished to the Hon'ble the Resident details of the lands taken up from time to time for military camps and for subsidiary purposes such as grass farms, diaries segregation camps, hospitals, etc.

In the course of the discussion, the Hon'ble the Resident has stated-

(1) that he was opposed to the policy of acquiring here and there, and

(2) that it was objectionable to acquire any inhabited villages as that would cause great inconvenience and that it was necessary to extend in the direction of uninhabited areas as far as possible.

7. The result of the discussion wa that the whole position should be examined with reference to all military interests acquired, either permanently or temporarily not only for military camp purposes such as grass farms, diaries, etc, and that a comprehensive scheme should be prepared making allowance for all possible requirements.

8. Accordingly a D.O. communicatio was sent to the Hon'ble the Resident

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referring to the discussion and urging for early action in regard to the removal of the Hebbal Camp etc.

The Military Authorities thereafter selected a new site to the north east of the C & M Station measuring about 2685 acres and also two other sites one in the vicinity of Hoskote with an area of 500 acres for a Military Farm for an isolation camp and another on the Hosur road for a Diary Farm, that is, they wanted area of 3200 acres in all.

In exchange His Highness' Government would get back the permanent military Camp area at Hebbal measuring 474 acres and also the Haidarahalli lines lying to the north-west of the C & M Station and the area immediately surrounding them measuring in all about 300 acres.

10. After consulting the Revenue authorities the whole position was explained to the Residency pointing out the inconvenience in acquiring such a large plot of ground containing so many villages and in extending the C & M Station in the matter proposed

The Residency was requested to give effect to the question immediately under consideration viz, the transfer of the military camp from Hebbal to another site and the restoration to the

His Highness' Government of the lands near the Hebbal Camp temporarily given for military purposes during the war The following points were urged in connection with the shifting of the Hebbal Camp:-

(1) That the area of the new site should be equivalent to the area of the present Hebbal Camp.

(2) the jurisdiction over the new site should remain with the Durbar as in the case of the present Hebbal area.

11. The Military Authorities then selected a new site to the north west of the C & M Station. This site is a part of the large area of 2685 acres stated to be required in the previous occasion.

The site is divided into two parts A & B.

Plot A measuring 353 acres in which the ranges will be located and Plot B measuring 492 acres behind the line of the butts, which forms the danger zone.

It is stated that ~~this land~~ plot A may continue to be used for the present purposes but it will have to be kept clear while firing takes place.

12. The sites actually to be occupied by the Military authorities will however be determined after the ground has been carefully examined but they agree, to

the two points urged by His Highness' Government viz.,

(1) that the total area to be taken up will be in excess of the area at Hebbal; and

(2) that the new area should be held by them on exactly the same condition as the area to be surrendered and that jurisdiction over it should remain with His Highness' Government.

13. Subsequently the Military Authorities changed their minds about the site and selected another site slightly differing from the previous one to the east of Bangalore, ~~the area of this site is given below:~~ measuring about 636 acres.

~~Rifle ranges S.T.R.A~~
~~Quarters etc.~~
~~Danger Zone.~~

~~area Guntas.~~

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14. There is no objection to the locality selected but the area of the present ranges including Danger Zone is only about 450 acres. The Residency was requested to limit the area of the new site to this extent.

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In reply the Duty authorities said that in selecting a new range it is quite impossible to say actually how many acres will be required for the Danger Zone and that if it is possible to find a site at the foot of a hill only a few acres would be required for ~~safety~~ purposes of safety and forwarded an estimate amounting to Rs 40000/- on account of the cost of the removal and re-erection of the buildings, targets and construction of stop butts &c.

When it was urged that the Duty authorities who are

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perfectly content with
the range as it is at
present although its
longer zone is not
in accordance with
modern requirements
can properly claim
in effecting the exchange
only the cost of removal
of the range to a site
of equal area and
equal conveniences
and any extra expenditure
that may be involved
in removing or providing
conveniences that do not
exist now should be
met by themselves and
they were requested to
accept the liability for
the cost of acquiring the
extra extent of 186 acres
which they desire to have

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and to revise the estimate of cost of removal by omitting the items of new works such as water supply, sloping banks &c.

To this the Military authorities have suggested that the Col Commandant, Bangalore Brigade area, acting in conjunction with a representative of this Govt, should reconnoitre and report on other available and suitable sites for the ranges.

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Date of issue 4.1.24

Signed by

Section G.M

File No. 325-17

Serial No. 4960

No. 618

To

The Secy to the

No. 84. Letter No. 618 dated dated 4th January 1924 to the Secretary to the Resident.

With ref: to your
letter No. 5816/7 A-1916
dated the 23rd July 1923,
regarding the proposed
exchange of the Rifle Rang
site at Hebbal, I am
directed to state that
P. J. Byrne, I. G. of Police
Venkoba Rao, My Comm,

over.

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Bangalore 16th, 2nd Jun 47.

Browning, Inspector Genl of Police in Mysore, have been selected by H.H's Govt as their representatives to reconnoitre in conjunction with the Col. Commandant, Bangalore Brigade Area, and report on other available and suitable sites, for the rifle range. The Col Commandant may kindly be requested to arrange for to place himself in direct communication with the above officers and settle the details regarding the date and place of meeting &c &c &c

for Chief Secy

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List of enclosures.

CONFIDENTIAL, Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District,

No. 85 D.O.letter No.C.C.238 dated 24th November 1924 from Mr. B. Venkoba Rao, Deputy Commissioner, to Mr. K. Matthan, Chief Secretary.

CHIEF SECRETARY. 25 NOV 1924

In continuation of my letter No.C.C.238/24-25 dated 22nd November 1924, I beg to state that the Amildar Bangalore Taluk brought to me this morning the references that were with him, and from them it is clear that the site inspected by me on Saturday last with Col. Jackson and Mr. Bowring is the site reported upon fully by Mr.M.A. Narayana Iyengar to the Revenue Commissioner in his No.H.C.435/19-20 dated 3rd November 1920 quoted by me in my last letter to you of 22nd instant. This is the site referred to in para 7 of your note giving the history of the case sent to me with your D.O. No.G.10421-2/G.M.325-17 dated 4th January 1924.

2. I agree with Mr.M.A. Narayana Iyengar that allowing cultivation on any part of the area is likely to give room to complaints from ryots from time to time and that it is necessary to include the whole of the area in calculating the cost of the acquisition.

3. The area belonging to Mysore Government is 631 acres and 10 guntas according to the report now referred to, but when it is finally decided to acquire the land, the ground will have to be marked with stones and the area will have to be verified afresh with reference to such marking on the ground with stones. There may not be very much difference in the area, however.

4. The Amildar thinks that as 4 years have elapsed since the valuation statement was prepared there might be some rise in the value of the lands. I agree with the remarks of Mr. M.A. Narayana Iyengar with respect to the valuation, in paragraph 9 of his report now under reference

5. I enclose copy of a letter of my predecessor Mr. B. Ramaswamaiya addressed to the Revenue Commissioner No. H.C.435/19-20 dated 16th November 1922 from which it will be seen that there are no other sites which would suitably answer the purpose to the North and East of the Civil and Military Station as the locality there is not hilly, and that there are hilly places only in Kengeri and Yeswantpur hoblies and in the Magadi Road; but these latter areas are not contiguous to the Civil and Military Station as required by paragraph 5 of your note containing the brief history of the case sent with your D.O. No.G. 10421-2/G.M. 325-17 dated 4th January 1924.

6. Under the circumstances as the site now inspected has already been fully reported upon, I await further instructions in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

B Sambasiva Rao

To

K. Matthan, Esqr., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
B a n g a l o r e.

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Enclosure to :—

Copy of letter No.H.C.435/19-20 dated 16th November 1924 from the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore.

With reference to your memo No.C.2460/Gl. dated 18th August 1922 and in continuation of my D.O. letter No.H.C. 435/19-20 dated 12th instant, re: the selection of site for the location of the Hebbal Rifle Range, I have the honour to state that the Civil and Officer, after inspecting the northern and Eastern portions of the Civil and Military Station reports that there are no other sites which would suitably answer the purpose, than the block already reported in this office letter No. H.C.435/19-20 dated 3rd November 1920, as the place is not hilly. It is reported by the Amildar that there are hilly tracts in the Kengeri and Yeswantpur Hoblis and in the Magadi Road.

The Bangalore Sub Division Officer's memo No. H.C. 241/22-23 dated 14th November 1922 is herein enclosed for reference.

"Copy"

B Lakshmikantha Rao

Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,

Bangalore District,

No.C.C.238/24-25.

Bangalore, dated, 30th November 1924.

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Dear Sir,

In continuation of my D.O. letter No.C.C.238/24-25 dated 24th November 1924 I submit for your information a copy of Confidential letter No.C.1120/24 dated 27th November 1924 received from the Inspector General of Police in Mysore re: the selection of places for the Rifle Range.

Yours sincerely,

B Venkoba Rao

To

K. Matthan, Esqr., B.A.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

BANGALORE.

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Enclosure to :- '23

Copy of Confidential letter No.C.1120/24 dated 27th November 1924 from the Inspector General of Police in Mysore, Bangalore, to the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District.

With reference to your letter No.C.C.238/24-25 dated the 23rd instant and in continuation of my communication dated the 25th instant, I have the honour to state that all the places referred to in Mr. B. Ramaswami Iyer's letter, are too far away and it is not necessary to have a hilly country for the Rifle Range.

"C o p y"

B Sambasiva Rao

Deputy Commissioner,

Bangalore District.

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ROUTINE NOTES.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

N. B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

No. 3541 ENC. 2
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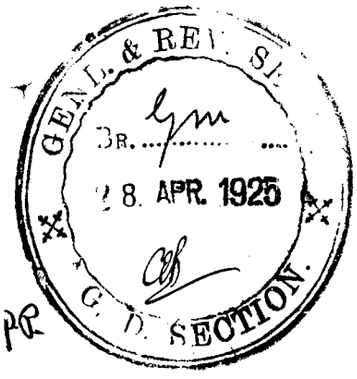
FROM

Major K. A. G. Evans Gordon,
SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.



Copy to Dewan 28.4.25

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 27th April 1925.

Subject.

Rifle Ranges at Hebbal - Removal to another Site.

No. 87. Letter No. 3541 dated 27th April 1925 from Major K.A.G. Evans Gordon to Mr. B. Ramaswamiah, Chief Secretary.

I am directed to invite a reference to the correspondence ending with Mr. Matthan's letter No.Pol. 634, dated the 13th January 1923.

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*Return requested.

2. I am to enclose a plan* of the site selected by the Area Commander, Bangalore, for a new rifle range. This site was originally selected by a Board of Officers in 1919 who considered various alternative sites but unanimously decided upon this one as the most suitable.

3. The area of the new site proposed is 636 acres and the cost of construction of the new rifle ranges is now reported to be about Rs.1½ lakhs. I am to forward an approximate estimate which shows main heads of expenditure.

It will be seen that the estimate is exclusive of cost of land and clearing of villages etc.

It has been suggested that an officer of the required standing should be deputed by the Mysore Government to assist in preparing detailed estimates. If the Government of Mysore are agreeable to this course, I am to enquire whether they will make an

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an advance of Rs.2,000/- towards the cost of preparing the estimates.

4. I am to explain that the use of machine and Lewis guns is largely responsible for the necessity of a larger danger zone and this is a modern development which has to be provided for. The Resident thinks that in view of the conventions and precedents governing such matters the Military authorities may reasonably expect sympathetic consideration from the Mysore Government. It is hoped that it will be possible to reach an early agreement in the matter of new ranges, but it will take some time to give practical effect to any scheme that may ultimately be approved.

5. The Military authorities do not wish to drive a hard bargain nor have they any intention to depart from the existing scale of equipment. Old equipment would be used as far as possible. In some cases it might not be possible to use old material, e.g., the steel framework of the targets might be damaged by removal from the concrete in which it is imbedded. Should this be the case, the Mysore Government might fairly be expected to compensate the Military - - authorities or to provide a new framework. On the other hand, if there is a longer lead from the main roads to the range than at present, the Mysore Government would not object to pay for the whole length of road. The same holds good as regards water supply. Alternatively if underground telephone cables are laid in preference to the existing overhead lines the Military Department would find the extra cost involved.

6. The Stop Butt for the New Range is to be 272 yards long and will normally suffice for 36 targets.

The Stop Butt on the existing Range is considerably longer providing as it does for 50 targets.

It will thus be seen that in the New Range not only will the cost of construction of the Stop Butt and firing

points be considerably less than would have been the case had existing arrangements been repeated in the New Range but also the area required for the Danger Zone in proportionately less than that required for a 50 Target Butt.

7. In this connection I am to mention that, at present with the concurrence of the Military Authorities the Mysore Lancers make use of what is known as the "Western Range" at Hebbal.

In the New Range no allowance has been made for the Mysore Lancers; provision on this Range having been made for the troops of the Bangalore garrison only.

8. The favour of an early reply is requested.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Major.

SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

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Enclosure No 6 —

Abandoning Hebbal Rifle Range.

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Approximate estimate for new Rifle Range exclusive of cost of land and of clearing villages.

		Rs.	
1.	36 target gallery with stop butt.	36,000	
2.	Target sheds.	6,500	
3.	Firing points.	4,000	
4.	S.I.R.A. buildings.	21,000	
5.	Camping ground, including buildings. ..	14,000	×
6.	Metalled approach road and road down the range.	20,000	
7.	Telephone connections.	5,000	
8.	Water supply.	18,000	×
9.	Flagstaff, notice sheds etc.	700	
10.	Contingencies for unforeseen items roughly 20%	24,800	×
		150,000	

Certain materials may be available from the present Hebbal Range but it is not considered that they will much more than pay for the cost of demolition and no deduction has been made for this.

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REGISTRAR, RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

G. M. File No. 335 of 1917

Serial No. 1

From

The Wy Comr, Bangalore

No C.C.238/24425-M16/12/24

forwarding a plan of the site selected by the Brigade & Col Commandant for the rifle range and stating that the site is the same as that on which he has recorded.

Sd/-

and The site refd to is the same as that finally selected by the Dy Commissioner previously. Reply from the Residency may be awaited.

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Dy 27th April 1925

From the Secy to the Residency

G.R.S. II-2!

File No. 335 of 1917

Secn

Which of these items of work are new? What is the area of the present Danger Zone.

449.46 acres.

In connection with the above estimate it is found [illegible] new items of work such as waterbushy, stub bunds etc. [illegible] continued to figure in the present estimate [illegible] has in addition been made for [illegible] Rs 20,000). The estimates [illegible] gauging, telephone [illegible] Contingencies (20%)

88. Mr. K. Venkat[illegible] Engr's note [illegible] vited to Subs 35 and 38 in the file

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Serial No.

Submitted for perusal orders.

30/4/25 30/4/25 Which of these areas of work are new? What is the area of the present target & danger zone.

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The area of the present Range including the danger zone is 449.46 acres according to the measuring of the Survey of India. This has been accepted as the correct area (pending verification by us).

Vide 7/ag S

On comparison with the previous estimate it is found that new items of work such as water supply, stop butts & continue to figure in the present estimate & the provision has no addition been made for metalled roads (Rs 20,000). The estimates for target gallery, telephone connections & contingencies (20%) are very heavy comparatively.

Attention is invited to Submission note dated 19-12-22 and Sls 3 & 4 and 38 in the file.

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The Residency have sent a revised proposal for shifting the Rifle Range from Hebbal. In the estimate they sent on the last occasion they

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Serial No. From

The Dy Comr, Rangoon
No C.C.238/24 dated 19/12
forwarding a plan
of the site selected by
the Township Lot Committee
for the Police Barracks
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Subject The site referred to
is the same as that
finally selected by the
Municipality previously. Reply from
the Residency may be
awaited.

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354L dated 27th April 1925.
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Forwarding a plan of Barracks showing for
a new difference, the site of Construction of
which is sanctioned by the above Resolution
& correspondence relating thereto, and asking for
an officer who is expected to arrive in Mandalay
about 28th inst.

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showed separately what items of work were new. These items were objected to by Govt. On this occasion they have omitted to show the new items of work separately. The ~~C.C.~~ Residency may be asked to indicate the new items separately for convenience or the C.C. may be asked to state if he can which of the items are new. Asking the Residency seems the best course

When information is due on this head it will be possible to say how much of the exps in the estimate is legitimately chargeable to us and how much should be considered as improvements for which the Br Govt Dept should find funds.

May the Residency be asked for the information?

Anu 22/5

(Chiefs) Yes. A draft may be put up in detail, also a D.O.N. explaining the circs soon. M 23-5-25

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[illegible] approved D.S.N.

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copy of D.S.N.

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Clean copy of the D.S.N. is [illegible]
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consideration.

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Submitted to His Highness.

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These papers relate to the shifting of the Rifle Range from Hebbal, which had been previously submitted to His Highness with my Submission Note dated 19th December 1922.

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2. In accordance with His Highness' orders on that note the Residency were informed that we were prepared to provide a new range of equal area and conveniences as before and it was suggested that the military authorities should undertake the liabilities for the extra area required and that the new works proposed in the estimates for shifting to a new range might be omitted. On this the Residency suggested that Government might depute a representative to reconnoitre for a new site with the Colonel Commandant, Bangalore Brigade area. Mr. Bowring and the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, were nominated as our representatives in January 1924.

3. The joint inspection has resulted in the selection of the same site as was originally selected by a Board of Officers in 1919. The area of this proposed range is 636 acres as against 450 acres in the present range. The Residency have also forwarded a revised estimate of the cost of shifting which exclusive of the cost of land and the clearing of villages, comes to 1½ lakhs. They state that provision is made in the new range for only 36 targets as against 50 in the present range.

4. We objected to the estimates on the last occasion on the ground that the military authorities can claim from us only the cost of the removal of the range to a site of equal area and equal convenience. These objections arise with reference to the present estimate also. The area is more than that of the present range and items are added in the estimates which are for conveniences not provided on the existing range. What exactly these items are cannot however be made out as the new items are not shown separately as was done on the last occasion. The present estimate of 1½ lakhs corresponds to items for which the estimates sent with Residency letter No.6075 dated 27th July 1922 provided Rs. 70,000/- and includes large provision for roads

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and unforeseen contingencies.

5. The cost of acquiring the land required for the new range was estimated on the last occasion at Rs. 2,87,257 (vide my Note of 19th December 1922). As it is 4 years since this valuation was made there might be some increase in the value of the lands.

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6. In justification of the request for a larger area in the new site the Residency state that the use of machine and Lewis guns which is a modern development is largely responsible for the necessity of a larger danger zone. With reference to the request that the cost of new works should be paid by the Military authorities they state that they have no intention to depart from the existing scale of equipment.

7. As from the estimates now received it is not easy to see what items of work exactly are new it is proposed to ask the Residency to give details showing these items separately. At the same time we may urge that on account of the prohibitive cost of acquisition of land and other property it will not be possible to give so large an area as 186 acres in addition to the area now in the possession of the military authorities; and that for this reason and others previously stated Government desire that the area of the new range should be the same as that of the existing range or as little in excess as is consistent with minimum requirements and ask that the military authorities be requested not to press for the whole of the site selected.

8. I solicit the gracious approval of His Highness to action being taken accordingly.

Camp Mysore,
6th J u n e 1925.

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Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

Copies

Shifting of the Rifle Range at Hebbal to a new site

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Order.

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REGD. ON 26. JUN. 1925
Reg. No.

Chief Secy.

19 Jun. 1925

Chief Secy. 19.6.25

The draft previously put up in accordance with the Note

Chief Secy)
Dewan)

26.6.25

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

No. 4886 ENC. 70A-1916.

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FROM

Major K. A. G. Evans Gordon,

SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

Pol 1410

The Chief Secretary to the Government of

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 12th June *1925.*

Subject.

No. 90. Letter No. 4886 dated 12th June 1925 from Major K.A.G. Evans Gordon, Secretary to the Resident, to Mr. B. Ramaswamiah, Chief Secy.

Ch seen 27/5.

In continuation of my letter No.3541, dated the 27th April 1925, I am directed to say that it has been suggested that the erection of the stop butt and firing points on the new range should be entrusted to the Mysore Public Works Department, the plans and estimates being accepted by the General Officer Commanding, Madras District and the work being subject to technical supervision by the Military authorities. I am to invite the views of the Mysore Government on this suggestion.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Evans-Gordon

Major.
SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

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Nee file relating to this question was sent to Chief Secretary on 27/5. Sent in continuation. D. 12/6. (Ch Secy)

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Subd:

The main file regd: to
U Subd. & Dewan with a draft letter
Yesterday.

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This may be considered
after the main question is
settled. There is still some
difference of opinion as regards
the area selected for the new
Ranges.

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Reply may be sent
accordingly.

Draft may be
put up, referring to
our letter sent
on the main
question.

Draft-Subd.

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For approval, & thereafter
issue.

4.7.25.

Pol 1081

Rpt G.M 335-17-49

To

The Secretary to the Resident.

D 27/6/25

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 3541/70 A 1916 dated 27th April 1925 regarding the shifting of the Rifle Range from the present site in Hebbal to a new site, I am directed to state that the approximate estimate (which it is observed comes to Rs. 1½ lakhs as against Rs. 70,000 on the last occasion) shows the items corresponding to existing conveniences and those relating to new works together, and not separately, as ~~was the case~~ in the estimates previously forwarded, and to request that to facilitate the consideration of the proposals a statement showing these items separately may be kindly obtained from the Military authorities and forwarded to Government. As regards the area of the site selected, I am to point out that it is far in excess of the area of the old site and that the reasons previously urged by Government against any demand for such excess still hold good. On this account and on account of the cost of acquisition which it is feared will be very heavy, Government consider it desirable that the area of the new site should be the same as that of the old site, or as little in excess as is

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consistent with minimum requirements, I am therefore to request that the Military authorities may be asked to revise the -- boundary of the site ~~and not press for the whole of it. such~~ so as not to involve any excess over the present area, if possible.

I have etc.,

Chief Secretary to Government.

No. Pol. 9 dt 6/7/25
P.G.M 335-17-50

To

The Secretary to the Resident
in Mysore.

92. Letter No. Pol. 9 dated 6th July 1925 from Mr. B. Ramaswamih, Chief Secretary, to Major K.A.G. Evans Gordon, Secretary to the Resident.

With reference to your letter No.4886/70A-1916 dated the 12nd June 1925 regarding the execution of the work connected with the erection of the stop-butt and the firing points on the proposed new rifle ranges, I am directed to invite reference to this office letter No. Pol.1081 dated the 27th June 1925 on this subject and to state that the question of the agency for carrying out the work may be taken up for consideration after the main question re. the site etc. is settled.

I have, etc.,

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Chief Secretary to Govt.

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Shifting of the Rifle Ranges from Hebbal.

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1. Hebbal Rifle Ranges.

The rifle ranges which had been previously located in the High Ground were removed to Hebbal in 1883. The land originally granted at Hebbal for the ranges was 96 acres and 3 guntas in extent. This was however extended from time to time and it now comprises 473 acres 39 guntas. The whole area has been formed into a separate village with revenue survey accounts and has been given to the military authorities for the Rifle Ranges. It does not form part of the C & M Station.

2. In April 1917 His Highness directed that steps might be taken to remove the military camp from Hebbal for the following reasons:--

(1) The privacy of the Palace is seriously interfered with by the close proximity of a large military camp of British Soldiers as the latter frequent all the roads round the Palace.

(2) The danger of friction that may arise between the British troops and the men of the Mysore Imperial Service Lancers and Transport Corps whose lines are almost contiguous to the Hebbal Camp.

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[illegible] proposition was made [illegible] October 1917 for the [illegible] of the Hebbal ranges to a more [illegible] site further away from the palace [illegible] other side of Bangalore in the [illegible] of the Agara Lake, the cost [illegible] being borne by [illegible].

[illegible] Special Committee consisting of [illegible] military officers and the Deputy [illegible], Bangalore, was appointed [illegible] Hamilton for the selection of a [illegible] site for the ranges. This [illegible] estimated the cost of [illegible] the buildings from Hebbal [illegible] at 24 lakhs of rupees. [illegible] chose a site to the South of the [illegible] containing 522 acres and 30 [illegible] of the following villages:—

	Acres	Guntas
[illegible]	195	30
[illegible]	91	37
[illegible]	301	3
	587	30

[illegible] Government did not approve [illegible] and suggested that the [illegible] site might be utilised either for the [illegible] or the [illegible] Cavalry Station instead of [illegible] proposed and that it should [illegible] the [illegible] Station so as to [illegible] [illegible] from it.

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It was also said that His Highness' Government would be glad if only an area equivalent to the Hebbal area is taken up for purposes of exchange

6. The Military Authorities then selected a new site to the north west of the C & M Station.

The site was divided into two parts A & B., Plot A measuring 353 acres in which the ranges would be located and Plot B measuring 492 acres behind the line of the butts, which forms the danger zone.

It was stated that plot B might continue to be used for the present purposes but it would have to be kept clear while firing took place.

The sites actually to be occupied by the Military authorities could however be determined after the ground had been carefully examined but they agreed to the two points urged by His Highness' Government viz.,

(1) that the total area to be taken up should not be in excess of the area at Hebbal; and

(2) that the new area should be held by them on exactly the same condition as the area to be surrendered and that jurisdiction over it should remain with His Highness' Government.

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6. [illegible] by the Military Authorities [illegible] site and [illegible] how the already different [illegible] are to the east of [illegible], or which could not acres.

7. A [illegible] in the locality [illegible] or 2 [illegible] about (3) acres. A Military [illegible] to fit the [illegible].

[illegible] Authorities will [illegible] to the route [illegible] acres [illegible] per zone and [illegible] the site [illegible] acres would [illegible] be adequate [illegible] acres and [illegible].

[illegible] of the Military [illegible] to select [illegible] although [illegible] in accordance with [illegible] are hereby claim- [illegible] the owners over the sort [illegible] to a site of equal [illegible] such considerations may extend [illegible] removing [illegible] considerations it is not [illegible] observes and

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they were requested to accept the liability for the cost of acquiring the extra extent of 186 acres which they desire to have and to revise the estimate of cost of removal by omitting the items of new works such as water supply, stop butts &c.

To this the military authorities have suggested that the Colonel Commandant, Bangalore Brigade area, acting in conjunction with a representative of this Government, should reconnoitre and report on other available and suitable sites for the ranges. Mr Bowring and the D.C. Commissioner Bangalore were nominated as our representatives in January 1924

The further history of the case is given in paras 3 of the S. Note of 6th June 1925. A letter was sent to the Residency in accordance with H.H's orders dated 18.6.25. The reply is awaited

To a letter from the Res.y regarding the agency which might attend to the works on the new ranges we have sent a reply that this question might be considered after the question of the site etc is settled

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D.O.No. P.C.5 2nd August 1925.

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My dear Mr.Mirza,

With reference to your letter of the 31st ultimo, suggesting that I should meet the Quarter-Master-General and the Resident and discuss the question of the removal of the Rifle Range, I write to state, for the information of His Highness, that there was a conference yesterday at the Residency at 2-30 p.m. at which the Quarter-Master-General and the Colonel Commandant were present. The main features of the proposal that the Military authorities are agreeable to put forward are:-

(1) That the extent of land applied for cannot be reduced as that is the absolute minimum according to Military Regulations, including as it does, the danger zone.

(2) Nearly 300 or 400 acres of this land will not be occupied by the Military Department but have to be kept clear during practice of firing and therefore may be cultivated by the ryots on the condition that they clear the land at such times.

(3) The Rifle Range should be shifted as it stands at present without anything new by way of improvement or addition at the cost of the Mysore Government; anything under the latter category, to be paid for by the Military authorities.

(4) A Military and a Mysore Government Engineer may jointly draw up estimates so that the third point may be clearly worked out in the estimates themselves, to the satisfaction of both parties.

The Resident said he would prepare a note on the above lines and send it to us and I said that, when the note is received, the proposal may be considered and I did not see any great difficulty in accepting them as they appear to me to be quite ~~right~~ fair especially as the larger extent of the land can, after being acquired, be re-assigned for cultivation, if necessary, on certain conditions and therefore the net cost on account of the new range may not be very great. Of course the Mysore Government are bound to pay for the removal but the Military authorities have now definitely agreed not to charge fpr any improvements or additions.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/- A.R.Banerji.

Amin-ul-Mulk
Mirza M.Ismail, O.B.E., C.I.E.

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BANGALORE.

D.O.No. 4922 2-1

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Awdrey House,

Fernhill 3rd June
7th 1926.

My dear Sir Mirza,

With reference to our conversation here at Ootacamund I send herewith a copy of a note which I wrote in November last after the informal meeting (at which the Q.M.G. in India and Sir Albion Banerji were present) about the Hebbal range.

Would you kindly examine the note ? Then, if you see no objection, we can take the next step officially by convening the joint committee referred to in the last paragraph of the note.

Yours sincerely,

C. D.

Amin-Ul-Mulk Mirza M. Ismail, Esq.,
C. B. E., C. I. E.,
Dewan of Mysore.

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Enclosure 5 :-

An informal meeting was held at the Residency on Saturday August 1st, 1925 to facilitate an exchange of views between the British and Mysore State authorities regarding the proposal to obtain a new Rifle Range in supersession of the present range at Hebbal. Advantage was taken of the presence in Bangalore of Lieutenant General the Hon'ble Sir A. R. Montagu-Stuart-Wortley, Quartermaster General in India, to invite Sir Albion Banerji as representing the Mysore State. Colonel Jackson, Commanding the Madras District, and Major Evans-Gordon, Secretary to the Resident, were also present.

The Resident opened the informal discussion by a reference to a Note which the Mysore State authorities had presented to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief on the occasion of his recent visit to Mysore. The Resident pointed out that this Note gave a summary of the history of the Hebbal Range case from the point of view of the State authorities: it differed materially from the history of the case as viewed from the standpoint of the Military authorities and could not be accepted by them as a complete and accurate version of the case. It was clear that the main issues in the past had been confused and obscured by a number of considerations which, though of importance at the time, had now lost their value to a great extent. On the other hand, several misunderstandings still prevailed some of which, he hoped, might be removed by the present discussion. He assured Sir Albion that Colonel Jackson, as Brigade Area Commander, had gone to the utmost lengths in order to meet the desire of His Highness the Maharaja to have the present range at Hebbal removed from the vicinity of the Palace. On the other hand, Colonel Jackson was tied strictly to the Indian Army rules regarding the dimensions of a rifle-range and its danger zone, and had no powers to modify or reduce those dimensions below the minimum prescribed for a standard type of range. No authority lower than the Commander-in-Chief himself could accept a range and danger-zone smaller than that laid down in the rules.

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It was with regard to these dimensions that considerable misunderstanding existed in the view put forward by the State authorities. They had failed to notice the essential difference distinguishing (a) the area under the range proper, from (b) the area described as the danger-zone. The former, (a), was the area occupied by the stop-butts & by the various firing-points and range-buildings. The latter, (b), had no structures on it and lay entirely on the side of the stop-butts away from the firing-points. The circumstances under which those two areas were required for use were entirely different: the range-proper (a), had to be kept clear of all structures other than those authorised for military purposes: it could not even be cultivated or enjoyed by any one other than the military authorities. On the other hand the danger-zone (b) could have such buildings on it as the military authorities might allow, and, subject to their permission might be cultivated or grazed over: all that was essential was that it should be kept clear of all humans & animals during musketry-practice owing to the possible risk to life.

No misunderstanding. We said that the distinction would be nominal as also not convenient. MW R1

This, it is feared, will be too frequent hallowing of the land being used many hours in MW

When the State authorities referred to the passage in the Resident's letter No.8294 of 28th October 1919 reading "the total area taken up will not be in excess of the area at Hobbal," they had separated this phrase from its context, which dealt solely with the area under the range proper (a): the danger-zone (b) was dealt with in the succeeding paragraph of that letter, and the position was made quite clear by references to the range proper, (A), and the danger-zone, (B), as marked in the map which accompanied the Resident's letter.

As the distinction between the two classes of land was not admitted by the State we had to insist on the total area not exceeding the old area MW

In an enclosure to a subsequent letter, No.9818, dated the 11th December 1919, from the Resident to the State, the following figures ~~are~~ were given as the areas recorded by the Survey of India

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in 1906-07:-

Rifle Range	-	177.61 acres.
Danger-Zone	-	254.50 acres.
Total, Range proper & Danger-Zone	-	432.11 acres.

These figures were accepted provisionally for the purposes of discussion by the State in their reply dated February 23rd, 1920. It was not pointed out at the meeting, but it may be explained now that between the period 1883 (when the Hebbal area was acquired) and the survey of 1906-07, certain lands had been acquired by the Military authorities as extensions to the range (e.g. the Camp-site and additional danger-zone in 1893 & 1894) and had been paid for in the ordinary way. Other transactions have also taken place since the survey of 1906-07: thus in 1914 a plot of land measuring 22 acres, forming part of the Hebbal danger-zone, was handed over without rent to the Mysore State for use as part of the experimental farm, and in exchange a plot of land measuring 15¾ acres situated by the Hosur Road was handed over without rent by the State to the Military authorities for use by the Military Grass Farm and Dairy Farm: this plot of 15¾ acres is still held by the successors of the Military Dairy Farms, i.e. the Imperial Institute of Animal Husbandry, a Civil Department of the Government of India. In order not to disturb ~~their~~ his amicable exchange of plots between the Mysore Experimental Farm and the Imperial Institute of Animal Husbandry, we must assume the exchange of 1914 to hold good and therefore must reduce the area of the danger-zone at Hebbal shown in the 1906-07 Survey by 22 acres (the acreage of the plot re-assumed by the Experimental Farm). Thus the corrected figures for the present discussion, as deduced from the 1906-07 survey, are :-

Range Proper	-	177.61 acres
Danger Zone	-	232.50 acres
Total.		410.11 acres.

It should be noted that the above figures do not include the Camp site lying to the East of the range at Hebbal; this was bought

bought separately in 1893 by the Military authorities at a cost of Rs.12,176/-.

Under the proposals recently made by Colonel Jackson (vide plan enclosed with Resident's letter No.3541/70A-1916, dated 27th April 1925) the following areas had been suggested for the new site near the ~~Ram~~ Bansavadi Road.

Range proper, approximately	-	108 acres.
Danger-Zone,	"	528 "
	Total.	636 acres.

Of the range proper, a few acres would lie within the Civil and Military Station, and the rest in State jurisdiction the whole of the danger-zone would lie within State jurisdiction.

Thus the latest proposals amounted to this -

(1) that the State should expropriate the owners of the 108 odd acres lying under the proposed range proper & should transfer full proprietary rights, other than those of jurisdiction, to the Government of India in the Military Department:

and (2) that the State should transfer to the Government of India what may be ~~as~~ described as "firing rights" over the proposed dange zone, amounting to some 528 acres. These "firing-rights" would not necessarily amount to full proprietary rights: they amounted to little more than the right to deny access of all humans and animals to the danger-zone during such time as the Military authorities might require the zone in connection with their musketry.

The State in a letter dated 27th June 1925 had raised various objections to Colonel Jackson's proposals, notably as regards the excess of the proposed area (636 acres) over the old area, and asked the Military authorities again to reduce the total area (of range proper & danger-zone) to the old Hebbal figures. In this connection the Resident said that he took advantage of the presence of the Quarter Master General at the meeting to assure the Dewan that the Military authorities had no desire

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, th[illegible]ever to drive a hard bargain or to profit by His Highness's desire for the evacuation of the Hebbal Range in order to obtain possession of a large tract of land near the Jansavadi-road: the Military authorities, as they stated plainly in July 1922, were content with the present situation of the range at Hebbal but were anxious to conform with His Highnesses expressed desires provided that all the usual (and fully justifiable) precautions were taken to prevent any avoidable risk to humans and animals, and provided that an equivalent to the present Hebbal range could be furnished at a ~~more~~ suitable spot by the State authorities. The Resident went on to examine the real nature of the proposed exchange. At present at Hebbal the Military authorities hold full proprietary rights over some 410 acres, of which 176 were under the range proper and 232 under the danger zone. In exchange for this, the State was asked to give full proprietary rights over some 108 acres only & "firing-rights" over 528 acres. Thus the proposed exchange was not inequitable if the nature of the rights to be transferred was taken into account. The Military authorities were actually asking for full proprietary rights in 108 acres only instead of 178 acres under the range proper: this meant that the State would receive an additional cultivable & proprietary area of 70 acres. On the other hand, the Military authorities were ready to surrender full proprietary rights in 232 acres (now out of cultivation) in exchange for firing rights in 528 acres, (the greater part of which would remain fit for cultivation). The Resident went on to say that if it were assumed for the sake of argument that the Commander-in-Chief would ~~argue~~ agree to a reduction in the depth of the danger-zone for 2,500 yards to , say, 2000 yards, although this would reduce the size of the proposed danger-zone from 528 to 402 acres, the reduction would exist merely on paper: the zone would be shown as reduced in size but the danger would persist and the risk to humans and animals would not be affected by the

It may be noted that the phrase used is "equivalent" not "equivalent area" — ow

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more reduction of the zone on paper. Should any person or animal ~~to~~ be hit by a stray bullet in the area between the 2,000 & 2,500 yard zone, claims for compensation would inevitably be brought with results which might be thoroughly undesirable.

Finally, the Resident suggested that the State authorities should re-consider the question in the light of the present informal discussion, and that a joint committee consisting of a Military Officer and a Mysore Government Engineer might go into the question of the expense to be incurred in shifting the range from Hebbal to a site near the Bansavadi Road.

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General and Revenue Secretari

No. 96. Mr. M. Venkatesiengar's note dated 10th June 1926.

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1) The note now received from the Residency purports to give a summary of the discussion which took place at an informal meeting between the Dewan (Sir A.R.Banerji), the Resident, and the Quarter Master General and the Col. Commandant on the 1st August 1925. Sir A.R.Banerji's letter of 2nd August to the Private Secretary to His Highness gives the main features of the proposal that the Military authorities were agreeable to put forward. (Vide Flag "S "). Their view was (1) that the extent of land applied for could not be reduced and that 300 or 400 acres out of the land asked for might be cultivated on condition of being evacuated during firing, (2) that the Range should be shifted as it stands at present and the cost therefor borne by the Mysore Government, the cost of improvements being borne by the Military Authorities themselves. Sir A.R. Banerji stated in that letter that he did not see any great difficulty in accepting conditions as they appeared to be quite fair especially considering that the larger extent of the land could after acquisition be re-assigned for cultivation conditionally.

2) The note now received from the Residency dwells on the first point referred to in the Dewan's letter. It does not refer to the second point regarding the military Authorities bearing the cost of all improvements and the State bearing the cost only of equipment as now obtaining on the present Ranges. This will have to be stated to the Residency and in preparing the estimate, items corresponding to existing convenience and items of improvements will have to be shown separately, so that the share of the

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the cost to be borne by the State and by the Military can be separately fixed.

3) As regards the point discussed in the note, i.e., the first point, I beg to invite attention to the marginal remarks thereon. Government's position has always been that the total area of the new Range including the danger zone should not exceed the total area of the existing Range — also including the danger zone. The Residency once before distinguished (as they have done in their present note) between the Range proper and the danger zone behind the stop butts and said that there would be no objection to the land behind the butts being cultivated or grazed over provided it was cleared during firing. Government stated in reply - this was also the view of the Revenue Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner that the distinction was not very material. Experience at Hebbal had shown that the Ranges are used very frequently and that there were likely to be several accidents unless the danger zone was kept free from private rights. It was therefore necessary to clear the danger zone area also and keep it vacant as is the case at present at Hebbal. (Flag "R 1"). The old argument seems however to have been urged by the Resident at the meeting and accepted by Sir A.R. Banerji ~~in this matter~~. It would appear therefore that in this matter Government should be considered to have modified the view previously expressed.

4) If the proposal is accepted it will mean that as against 410 acres of land comprised in the present Range at Hebbal Government will be handing over a total area of 636 acres. The Military

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Military authorities have now full proprietory rights over 410 acres in the present Range. In the new Range they wish to have full proprietory rights over only 108 acres and merely firing rights over 528 acres. The total area in excess altogether will be about 226 acres. As regards this, however, it has to be noted that the danger zone area of 528 acres will be available to Government for being given out for cultivation on condition of being cleared when required during firing. It is possible that the land thus available can be assinged to some profit and such profit may be taken as compensating Government for making a larger area than before available for Range and danger zone together.

5) The question will arise whether the land included in the danger zone must then be acquired and then re-assigned or left with the present owners modifying the tenure or prescribing conditions for evacuation during firing and reducing the assessment or other charges in consideration of the need for such occasional evacuation.

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6) Sir Abani Banerji seems to have committed himself to the proposal not to acquire the Danger Zone but enter into some arrangement with the ryots

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by which they can be made to evacuate the land while fixing. It is difficult to say what reduction in assessment and other concessions have to be shown. If the Military authorities are prepared to pay compensation for loss to the ryots during fixing while the ryot under that part should accept in making a reduction in the assessment the proposal may be accepted. It should be emphasized that ryot would bear only the cost of equipment as obtaining at the present ryots and any improvements required should be paid for by the Military authorities.

7) If the above modifications can be made in the proposed settlement there is no prima facie objection to appoint a Committee to settle the details.

8) As it is proposed to come to a final arrangement the matter may be informally discussed at the next meeting of Council

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c) The requests made in the Resy Offr which I have personally discussed with the Revd (Mr Pears) seem reasonable. A safe range zone is an important necessity which I have had the question in the present area.

(b) The main questions for settlement are these:—

1) Disposal of the new danger zone — the most profitable way of doing it.

On this point the R.C. may be consulted. Whether the cost of acquisition should be defrayed by the M. Authorities or S. Societies for the extra area required when the lease, if it is decided (after consulting with the R.C.) that the lands are to be taken over from the present owners & leased or reassigned to their candidates.

2) The profitable Cost of transfer of the range as well as of acquisition of the area.

All improvements & conveniences which they now enjoy will be paid for by the Mills. This may have appeal to

11) In the meantime action may be taken in the Matter.

12) The other questions will come chiefly to one of figures. When it will be possible to fix the one will have the consent after the approximate which the cost is likely to.

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To

The Revenue Commissioner,
Camp Mysore.

Date June

No. 99. Letter No. G.15 dated 15th June 1926 from Mr. P.G.D'Souza, Chief Secretary to Mr. C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Revenue Commissioner.

Signed

I am directed to invite reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No. 2460/Gl 18-19 dated the 24.11.22 regarding the acquisition of certain land for a new firing Range and danger zone for the use of the British Military authorities in place of the present Range at Hebbal. It is under consideration to place a total area of 636 acres as against 410 acres of the present Range at their disposal. Over 108 acres of this area, which will form the Range proper, the Military authorities will have to be given full proprietory rights. Over the remaining 528 acres they require only what might be called firing rights. That is the land will have to be cleared when the Range is in use. It can be cultivated or grazed over at other times. In clearing the land included in the new Range therefore it will be sufficient if full rights are acquired in 108 acres and only firing rights in the rest. It is for consideration whether the present owners in the latter area should be left in possession of their holdings and paid some compensation or

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or shown some concession in assessment for agreeing to clear the land when required or whether full rights may be acquired in this area also and the land re-assigned on reduced assessment or with other concession on condition of being cleared when required. I am to request you to favour Government with your opinion in the matter after making any local enquiries that may be necessary. The terms on which acquisition can be effected and the cost in either case may also be worked out and reported.

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An early reply is requested. A plan of the site is enclosed for reference and return.

I have etc.,

Chief Secretary to Govt.

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Submitted to His Highness.

No. 100. Submission Note dated 12th July 1926 with orders.

I beg to invite His Highness's gracious attention to Sir Albion Banerji's Submission Note dated the 7th June 1925, on the subject of shifting the Rifle Range at Hebbal to a new site. The Residency were addressed according to His Highness's orders to intimate details of the items of work proposed to be carried out on the new Range and to restrict the area of the new Range to that of the existing Range or as little in excess as possible. The Residency, thereafter, arranged a meeting at which the Resident, Sir Albion Banerji and the Quarter Master General discussed this question. The result of the discussion is stated in Sir Albion Banerji's demi-official letter No.P.C.5 dated the 2nd August 1925 addressed to the Private Secretary to His Highness. The main points of the agreement arrived at were:

(1) that the total area asked for could not be reduced, as under the Regulations now under force it was the minimum required but that over a large portion of it forming a danger zone, full rights need not be ceded but only the right to have it cleared during firing,

(2) that the cost of providing conveniences found in the existing Range should be borne by the State, and the cost of improvements by the Military authorities.

2. The Hon'ble the Resident has since sent a note of the discussion at the same meeting dealing mainly with the first point referred to above. It is stated in the note that the area asked for is the minimum necessary under the Regulations now in force for a firing Range and danger zone and that full rights need be given only on 108 acres and firing rights, i.e, the

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right to have the land cleared during firing on 528 acres. In view of the circumstances urged, I am of opinion that the area required may be given on the conditions proposed. In place of about 410 acres over which they now have full rights, we shall be giving them 108 acres with full rights and 528 acres with firing rights. The exchange does not seem very unfair. The area of 528 acres can be utilized by us for grazing and for other purpose, when firing is not going on. The Resident's note does not refer to the second point mentioned by Sir Albion Banerji regarding the cost of equipment; but from a conversation I had with the Resident at Ootacamund, I gather that the Military were quite willing to accept the condition.

3. It is proposed, therefore, to send a reply to the Resident stating that Government are prepared to place the area required for the new Range at the disposal of the British Military authorities on the terms suggested. The Revenue Commissioner has been asked to intimate the probable cost of acquiring the area of the new Range. The Resident proposes forming a Committee of a British Military Officer and one of our Engineers to go into the question of the expense of shifting and this also may be agreed to.

4. A draft is placed in the file agreeing to give the area required and to the formation of the Committee as proposed, and will issue after gracious approval by His Highness.

Mirza M. Ismail

Bangalore,
12th July 1926.

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Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

Shifting of the Rifle Range at Hebbal to a new site.

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Bangalore,)

No. 101.D.O. letter dated July 17, 1926 from the Dewan to the Hon'ble the Resident.

May I invite a kind reference to your demi-official letter No.4922 dated the 7th June 1926 regarding the Rifle Ranges? I have had the note, received with your letter, considered. As it is stated that the extent of land applied for for the new Range is the minimum under the Regulations and cannot be reduced, and that full rights will be required only on 108 acres of the area, and that the other 528 acres will be available for being grazed over or cultivated except when firing is taking place, His Highness's Government will be prepared to give the area of 636 acres required for the new Range.

Sir Albion Banerji's Notes of the meeting with yourself and the Quarter Master General show that it was agreed that the cost of providing conveniences as now existing on the present Range should be borne by H.H's Government and the cost of any improvements or additions by the Military authorities. Your note does not refer to this aspect of the question. But I assume that the Military authorities are quite willing to accept this condition.

I am having enquiries made as to the probable cost of acquiring, for the new Range, full rights on 108 acres, and firing rights on 528 acres, and hope to be able to give you this information shortly. In the meanwhile we may, as suggested by you, appoint a Committee consisting of a Military

Officer and a Mysore Engineer to go into the question of the expense of shifting the Range.

A detailed official communication will follow in due course.

Yours sincerely,

102. D.O.letter dated 16th July, 1926 from Sir Charles Todhunter, Private Secretary to Mriza M. Ismail, the Dewan.

I hope you won't think me very unduly critical if I suggest that this letter, which is in effect a conveyance of very valuable property, and not unlikely a subject of much discussion in years to come, would be better couched more in the form of a legal document and possibly even subjected to legal scrutiny.

The following notes make no pretence to accuracy in detail, but may serve to give an idea of the caluses of the agreement as I visualise them.

Clause 1. The British Government agree to cede to the Government of Mysore all rights, however acquired, in any lands in the villages of x and y, all trees etc, grazing on such lands, all buildings and other appartenances on such lands (except as may be separately agreed) and all payments or titleto payments arising out of such land with effect from addate to be determined as hereinafter laid down.

(The army have paid forthe range, the danger zone and the camp, and presumably have let land in the danger zone on lease Several Departments may be concerned. You want to make sure that no shadow of claim remains on the part of any of them, that all these payments due after the date of transfer go to you and that they don't knock about the buildings which they lease. You might be able to sell these for farm houses or something)

Clause II- The Mysore Government agree to cede possession, but not jurisdiction, over ------- acres of land in the villages A and B with effect from the date to be fixed as above, for use of the Rifle Range with 36 butts for such period as the land may be required for such use.

(It will be as well to secure yourself against extension and against the concession of the land taken to other purposes)

Clause III. - Mysore Government undertake the responsibility for keeping clear of human beings during the periods notified to them by the British Government a further area of ..... acres in the villages of C & D and the responsibility for paying compensation to any persons who may suffer injury as a result of firing on such area and within such time.)

(This is a difficult clause. They formerly acquired the danger zone and took full responsibility. Now apparently you are undertaking it. The discharge of it is a very difficult matter. Theirs was notoriously inadequate. Subject to correction, I don't see how you can be secure from accident unless you fence the whole area and only admit people through authorised groups at fixed hours. This suggests converting it into a grass farm, reserve forest or plantation of some sort. The best use to which it can be put subject to the conditions above indicated can only be decided after local enquiry.)

Clause IV.- The British Government undertake to pay compensation for any injury suffered as a result of firing on the range outside the area prescribed in clause III or at times other than those notified as times of firing practice.

Clause V. - The Mysore Government undertake to meet the cost of removing the targets and other appliances attached to the present range, of erecting necessary buildings similar to those now existing and of making available the necessary roads and other approaches. The cost of these works to be determined by Engineer Officers of the two Governments in consultation.

Clause VI. - The cost of any alterations or improvements will be borne by the British Government.

Clause VII.- All works connected with the transfer of the range to be carried out by the Mysore Public Works Department on estimates agreed upon between them and the British Engineers.

Clause VIII - The works to be completed and the transfer and exchange completed in all respects on a date to be fixed by the Hon'ble the Resident with due regard to the time required for the acquisition of the land and the completion of the works.

Clause IX. - Any questions that may arise in the interpretation of this agreement or between the Engineer Officers of the two Government to be determined by the Hon'ble the British Resident and the Dewan of Mysore in consultation.

I presume you have got another range for the Mysore forces and don't need to stipulate for permission to use new range.

~~With apologies for writing so much~~

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IN MYSORE

Bangalore, 3rd August 192 6.

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FROM B. Ramaswamaiya Esq. B.A., B.L.,
REVENUE COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE.

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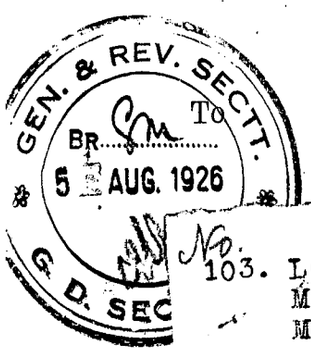

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT

No. 103. Letter No. C.4115 dated 5th August 1926 from Mr. B. Raamswamiah, Revenue Commissiober to Mr. P. G. D' Souza, Chief Secretary.

Subject: Acquisition of land for danger zone

Adverting to your letter No.G. 15/ dated 15th June 1926 regarding the acquisition of certain land for a new firing range and danger zone for the British Military Authorities in place of the present range at Hebbal, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of letter No.C.5-13/26-27 dated 26th July 1926 together with its enclosures received in the matter from the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, and to state as follows:-

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It is reported that out of the extent of 108 acres required for the new firing range the marginally noted extent of 103 acres and 37 guntas is in the Bangalore Taluk and 3 acres and 23 guntas is in the limits of Civil and Military Station, that out of the extent in the Bangalore Taluk limits deducting an extent of 14 acres and 4 guntas of Kharab the net area to be acquired will be 89 acres 33 guntas of which 3 acres and 3 guntas is wet and the rest dry and that the cost of acquisition of this area would come up to Rs. 40,882/- at the rate of Rs. 450/- per acre for dry lands and Rs. 600/- for wet lands including 50% of the value for the purchase of Jodidar's rights. In addition to this, the cost of acquisition of 22 houses and the malki on the area is estimated to come up to Rs. 5070/- bringing in the entire cost to Rs. 45,952 excluding statutory allowance.

Extent. A.	G.	Name of village.
71-	37	in Lingarajapuram.
32-	0	in Bataguttapalya.
103-	37	Total.

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As regars the manner in which the area of 528 acres required for the danger zone can be acquired the Deputy Commissioner reports that this area is situated in the marginally noted six villages, out

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In the circumstances represented by the Deputy Commissioner, the acquisition of the whole area including the danger zone would perhaps be the best arrangement, in that it would obviate all troubles consequent on vacating at the time of firing practice etc.,. If however, it is considered that acquisition of the Firing area alone is enough and that the danger zone area need not be acquired out-right on account of the high cost involved, the detailed terms on which the said area could be made available will be considered and separately reported upon, with due regard to the existing rules and the terms which may be demanded by the Inamdars etc.,.

The plan received with your letter is returned herewith.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Revenue Commissioner.

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Enclosure to No. — Small Supply

Letter No. C. 5-13/26-27 dated 26th July 1926 from the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore

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With reference to your Memo No.C. 4115/25-26 dated 1st July 1926 calling for my opinion about the acquisition of a certain area for a new Firing range and Danger zone, I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of report No.H.C. 70/26-27 dated 20th July 1926, together with copies of its enclosures received from the Amildar of Bangalore Taluk and to state as follows:-

2. Firing range:- In your Memo under reference, it is stated that an area of 108 acres is required for this purpose. The Amildar reports that an extent of 103 acres and 37 guntas (71 acres and 37 guntas in Lingarajarajapuram and 32 acres in Byataguttapalya, both of which are jodi villages is in the Bangalore Taluk and 3 acres and 23 guntas is in the limits of the Civil and Military station. With regard to the extent in the Bangalore Taluk limits proposed for acquisition, an extent of 14 acres and 4 guntas is kharab. Deducting this, the net area will be 89-33 acres of which 3-3 acres is wet and the rest dry. The cost of acquisition of this area will come up to Rs. 40,882/- at the rate of Rs. 450/- per acre for dry lands and Rs. 600/- for wet lands including 50% of the value for the purchase of Jodidar's rights. In addition to this, 22 houses in Byatarayanapura have to be acquired and the malki in respect of trees standing on the area has to be paid for. The former is estimated to cost Rs. 3620/- and the latter Rs. 1450/-. Thus the total cost comes up to Rs. 45,952/-, excluding the statutory allowance.

3. Danger Zone:- The proposal is that an area of 526 acres is required to be cleared only when the Firing Range is in use and that it is enough if only firing rights are required in respect of this area, leaving the present owners in undisturbed possession of their holdings and paying some compensation or showing some concession in assessment for agreeing to clear the land. It is ascertained that this area is in the marginally noted six villages, out of which 5 are jodi villages and one viz. Hennor is a Government village. The Jodidars and the ryots are reported to be unwilling to give only firing rights on this area but prefer the complete acquisition of their properties.

1. Lingarajapura.
2. Byataguttapalya
3. Hennoor.
4. Kacharakanahalli.
5. Banasvadi.
6. Chelakere.

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In order to avoid frequent troubles and accidents [illegible] to remove complications arising in adjustment of [illegible] from the soldiers, the Collector recommends that the [illegible] over the whole area should be acquired. Considering [illegible] tion are being experienced by frequent clearance of [illegible] firing these places, it is desirable in the interest [illegible] habitants living in the area that the entire extent [illegible] area should also be acquired.

According to this question of the cost of acquisition [illegible] the Collector reports that in addition to 595 acres 00 [illegible] covering 6 acres and 34 guntas in Byatanattupalya [illegible] which would fall only will be left unacquired in that [illegible] Collector proposes the acquisition of this small extent [illegible] total area comes to 637 acres and 34 guntas as [illegible]

According to the calculation of the [illegible] part of the cost of acquisition is [illegible] Rs. 2,00,10/-. To this, the cost of acquisition [illegible] compounds will and enclosure walls, which are [illegible] to be taken. The Collector estimates standing crops [illegible] up to will fall. The cost of these items will [illegible] estimated by the Collector, bringing the entire cost [illegible]. A valuation has been made by the Collector in the [illegible] depreciation in the market value of land and also [illegible] of acts. The total cost of acquisition thus comes up to [illegible] Collector's table:-

For fixing purpose.	Rs. 45,952/-
" Banner Area.	2,22,768/-
Total.	Rs. 2, 72,72[illegible]
[illegible] for distribution.	
[illegible] for statutory allowance.	1,22,[illegible]4/-
Grand total	Rs. 3,96,4[illegible]7/-

The Collector in these reports that if the land [illegible] is relinquished by the British Military [illegible] about Rs. 8, 000/- at Rs. 120/- per acre, besides [illegible] Rs. 18/-. The loss of revenue to [illegible] of the proposed acquisition of the new area will [illegible]

6. As the above estimate does not include the cost of acquisition of the portion of land within the limits of the Civil and Military station referred to in para 2, a reference may be kindly be made to the authorities concerned and estimate obtained therefor.

7. The plan received with your letter is returned herewith.

Copy.

For Revenue Commissioner.

G.R.

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE,

General and Revenue Secretariat

Dated, Bangalore, 9.8. 1926.

No. 1363 Cull / fm. 335-17-54

From

P. G. D'SOUZA, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

B.Ramaswamaiya Esq..B.A.,-B.L.

No. 104. Letter No. 1363 dated 9th August 1926 from Mr. P.G.D'Souza, Chief Secretary, to Mr. B. Ramaswamih, Revenue Commissioner.

With reference to your letter No.C.4115/25-26 dat. th August 1926 reporting on the cost of acquiring the land required for the new rifle range and danger zone for the British Military Authorities I am directed to state that the cost estimated is prohibitive and to request that an estimate may be made of the cost of acquiring only firing rights over the area required for the danger zone and full rights only over the range area. It may also be stated how in case full rights are acquired on the danger zone area also the land can be utilised when firing is not going on. How the realization from the present rifle range land is estimated at only Rs.16,200/- at Rs.150/- per acre does not appear from your letter. This may kindly be made clearer. As the matter is urgent, I am to request the favour of an early reply. The plan received with your letter is returned herewith for reference.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Chief Secretary to Government.

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IN MYSORE

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FROM C. S. Balasundaram Iyer Esq. B.A.,
REVENUE COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE.

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TO CHIEF
THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Firing Range and Danger Zone -

105. Letter No. 4115 dated 6th Sept. 1926 from Mr. C.S. Balasundaram Iyer, REvenue Commissioner, to Mr. P. G. D'Souza, Chief Secretary.

Ack

Adverting to your letter No.G. 1363/G.M.335-17-54 dated 9th August 1926 calling for an estimate of the cost of acquiring only firing rights over the danger zone area and full right over the Firing Range area required for the British Military Authorities etc., I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of letter No.C. 5-13/26-27 dated 25th August 1926 together with its enclosures received from the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, and to state that it is reported that the cost of acquisition of full rights over the Rifle Range area and danger zone area is estimated at R. 66,630 and R. 3,28,815 respectively, and that the cost of acquisition of only firing rights over the danger zone area is estimated at R. 82,712 (vide statements submitted by the Deputy Commissioner), that it is doubtful whether only firing rights can be acquired compulsorily for the danger zone area under the provisions of the Land Acquisition Regulation without the consent of the villagers, that it is desirable to acquire the whole of the danger zone area and then allocate it to people who are prepared to put up plantations on concessional terms, that if by natural agreement the owners of the lands surrender the firing rights over the area they will have to be paid compensation at the rates estimated by the Amildar etc., (vide Amildar's report sent herewith)

As regards the village site that has to be acquired, the Deputy Commissioner thinks it desirable that a notification should be published declaring that the New Rifle Range would be acquired and

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that ... lands may be offered to people ... or other suitable places near by to make ... village or cash compensation may be paid to ... the same.

With regard to the relinquishment from ... Range Land at Nobtal estimated at Rs. 16,200/- ... it is seen from the Amildar's report that ... of ... comprising the Rifle Range at Nobtal ... consideration. The Deputy Commissioner now states that ... the Rifle Range and danger zone - a portion of ... is ... as plantation and another part as pasture ... Non-alienation after relinquishment of this ... unobjectionable, but that as the plantation certain ... the Conservator of Forests has to be consulted in ... desirable, that the Nobtal Rifle Range area ... village lands. The total income that may be ... of the area is estimated at Rs. 2,36,900 (vide ... No. 26-27 dated 17th August 1926).

As stated by the Deputy Commissioner it is ... forest rights alone can be compulsorily acquired, ... to be done only by agreement and on specific ... agreed to by both parties.

The plan received with your letter is here ...

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. Balasundaram

Revenue Commissioner.

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Enclosure to MW :- Small Suppl

Letter No.C. 5-13/26-27 dated 25th August 1926 from the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

With reference to your memo No.C. 4145/25-26 dated 10th August 1926 calling for further particulars regarding a new Rifle Range and Danger Zone for the use of the British Military Authorities, I have the honour to submit herewith copies of reports Nos. H.C. 70 dated 13th August 1926 and 17th August 1926 received from the Amildar of Bangalore Taluk with their enclosures, submitting revised statements showing the cost of acquiring only the firing rights over the danger zone and the probable realisations to Government from the existing Rifle Range at Hebbal and to state as follows:-

2. I visited the Hebbal Rifle Range and the land behind it on the morning of the 16th instant with the Sub Division Officer of Bangalore, the Amildar of Bangalore Taluk and some important ryots. I inspected the site proposed for the new Rifle Range on the morning of the 18th instant in the company of the same Officers and the ryots interested. It appears to me to be doubtful if only firing rights can be acquired compulsorily for the Danger Zone, under the provisions of the Land Acquisition Regulation without the consent of the villagers. The villagers said at the time of inspection that they were poor people who have only a few lands in their occupation and that all of them were required for food crops. It may therefore be necessary to acquire the whole of the Danger Zone and then allocate it to people who are prepared to put up plantations on concessional terms. If by mutual agreement, the persons now in possession of the lands agree to retain their lands and surrender to the Government the firing rights over the area, they will be paid compensation at about the rates as now estimated by the Amildar. In the case of persons who do not agree to such an arrangement, there appears to be no other alternative but to acquire their lands out-right and re-sell them after reserving firing rights over the area. This will mean that the full cost of acquisition will have to be provided for in the first instance, the realisations from the subsequent disposal of the lands being taken in part re-imbursement of the cost of acquisition.

3. It was said that, in the case of those villages in which the

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t e village site is also to be acquired, the people would be willing to take up other lands in exchange either in Jurakhande Kaval or elsewhere. The ryots do not wish to leave their villages voluntarily but they will probably move to another village and secure lands there, when they know that their present lands are really to be acquired by Government. Till then, the ryots will not make up their minds. It is therefore desirable, if it is possible, that a notification should be published declaring that the New Rifle Range would be acquired. Pending orders of Government on this reference, the lands in Jurakhande Kaval and other suitable places where lands can be given in exchange for land to be acquired for the Rifle Range will be reserved without disposal by darkhast proceedings. Early orders are solicited in the matter. Some of the ryots, especially in the villages in which the village site will not be acquired, appear to want the compensation only in cash, as they expect that the compensation would be pretty high on account of the proximity to the Civil and Military station and on account of the [illegible] of the land which has been manured and cultivated for a long number of years.

4. As regards the Hebbal Rifle Range, I found that it was not exactly the Range that will be available for disposal but also the Danger Zone, a part of which is now used as a plantation and another part as pasture land. It appears that the plantation also may be sold for cultivation as I understand that the sandal trees in the plantation have not come up very well. This is a matter on which the Conservator of Forests will have to be consulted. The plantation is understood to be in the possession of the Military authorities.

5. If the Hebbal Rifle Range can be sold for building purposes, the sale proceeds will perhaps be much more than if the land should be sold for agricultural purposes. If the land should be sold for agricultural purposes, the sale proceeds may not be high as there does not appear to be enough water in the subsoil for cultivation, and as the land has been out of cultivation for many years. If the land is to be given but for building purposes, the area will have to be included in the Bangalore City Municipal limits, and pipe water and electric light will have to be given. Perhaps the Lunatic Asylum in the City, the shifting of which to another place has been

under consideration for many years, may be shifted to the Hebbal Rifle Range when it is vacated. If so, the Lunatic Asylum in the City with the site, may be sold by public auction and ~~xxxxx~~ this will fetch a very good amount.

6. As regards sub-soil water on the Hebbal Rifle Range, perhaps by boring experiments, some data can be ascertained, and, if the experiments are successful, the publication of the data may lead to good competition ~~xxx~~ in a sale of the Range either as agricultural land or as building site. Electric power may be available to raise the sub-soil water.

7. In conclusion, the estimate for acquisition stands as follows:-

	Extent.	Cost of acquisition of full rights. Compensation as now estimated.	Provision for fluctuations and statutory allowance 45%)	Total.	Estimated compensation for acquiring only the firing rights.
Rifle Range.	107-20	45,952	20,678	66,630	-
Danger Zone.	528-20	2,26,769	1,02,046	3,28,815	82,712
Total.	636 ..	2,72,721	1,22,724	3,95,445	

N.B. The extent of 636 acres including 3 acres 23 guntas lying within the limits of the Civil and Military Station.)

The foregoing is only a preliminary estimate, framed by the Amildar with his knowledge of the local conditions and is subject to variation after enquiry by the Acquisition Officer is completed. The land Acquisition Officer will take the approval of the Deputy Commissioner before final award. If land is given in exchange, money compensation will be reduced proportionately.

8. There are about 3 acres and 23 guntas of land to be acquired in Dodda Kunte village of the Civil and Military Station. The estimate for this is included in para 7 supra, but perhaps an estimate may also be obtained if thought desirable, from the Civil and Military Station Authorities, as acquisition proceedings will have to be taken under the Land Acquisition Regulation by them.

9. The plan received with your memo under reply is returned herewith.

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for Revenue Commissioner

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No. 106. Mr. M. Venkatesiengar's note dated 22nd Sept. 1926.

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33. From the letters received from the Revenue Commissioner and the reports enclosed therewith it appears that the land required for the new Range and its danger zone will cost approximately Rs.3,95 thousand if full rights are acquired over the whole of it. If full rights are acquired only over the area required for the rifle range and firing rights over the area of the danger zone the cost is estimated at about Rs.1,50 thousand. The difference between the two estimates (more than 240 thousand rupees) is very large. Considering the expenditure involved the latter course i.e. acquisition of only firing rights over the danger zone and of full rights only on the Rifle Range seems to be the more advantageous course. It is reported, however, that the people are unwilling that only partial rights should be acquired. It is also stated that it is not clear whether only firing rights can be acquired under the Land Acquisition Regulation. It is urged that a further disadvantage in acquiring firing rights is the inconvenience of having to clear the land frequently when firing takes place. In the light of experience gained in such matters in the past, it is suggested that responsibility for clearing would be inconvenient. Taking these three objections in order it has to be observed that from the peoples' point of view it would no doubt be more advantageous that full rights should be acquired. The area lies, it is stated, in six villages, five of which are Jodi villages and one a Government village. Cultivation will be considerably hampered during the firing season over the whole area and the fact of the land being in an alienated village will no doubt introduce further complications into the assessment of compensation. The

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The second objection as to whether only firing rights can be acquired under the Land Acquisition Regulation has to be examined. On this point the Revenue Secretary and the L.L. Secretary may be consulted. There seems to be no specific provision in the Regulation for such partial acquisition, but if it is considered desirable to acquire only partial rights, it may be possible to get the owners to agree. The Deputy Commissioner seems to think that such acquisition could be effected in some cases with the consent of the owners. In the cases in which the people do not agree, he thinks that complete rights would have to be acquired and the land disposed of again, reserving firing rights. As regards the last objection it must be admitted that the responsibility for clearing will be considerable. As we shall have given firing rights over the area to the Military authorities we shall be responsible for any accidents. The people do not sufficiently realise the danger of straying into the danger area. By notifying danger, Government would no doubt be legally free from the responsibility to pay any compesation but the position of Government when an accident occurs and they have to disclaim responsibility, will be rather odious. The best course would therefore seem to be to acquire full rights over the whole area. The cost of acquiring it completely is as stated earlier estimated at Rs. 3,95 thousand. This seems to be an outside estimate and the actual award might be expected to be somewhat lower. The area of the danger zone will in this case have to be leased out for plantation or pasture under certain concessions. It is expected that we might be able to get by disposing of the danger zone area, on

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on such terms, about Rs.750 as assessment every year as against a loss of (double) about Rs.438 a year under the same head on account of acquisition. Whether any value would be realised by the disposal of the land does not appear from the reports. It is also for consideration whether the whole of the danger zone land may not be made into a forest reserve.

34. As against the cost of acquiring the new Range, have to be taken into calculation the realizations from the disposal of the land comprised in the old Range. It is estimated that as much as Rs. 2,36,800 may be realised by the disposal of ~~part of~~ this land (partly) for cultivation and partly for building purposes. Besides this an annual revenue of about Rs. 800 would be realised on the land given for cultivation. The estimate of realisation by sale seems to be somewhat sanguine. It might be possible, however, to get about Rs.1,50 thousand by the sale of this land both for agricultural and building purposes. This amount can, however, be realised only slowly and after the Range has been shifted to the new site. This means that the amount required for acquiring the new site will have to be found by Government in the first instance, and partly re-couped later.

35. In addition to the expense of acquisition will be that of actual shifting. How much this will be is not now known. A military officer and one of our Engineers have to go into the question and prepare estimates for approval.

36 The points for consideration are:-

(1) Can we acquire only firing rights over the

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the danger zone area of the new Range under the Land Acquisition Regulation?

(2) If this cannot be done should an attempt be made to get the consent of the people to such partial acquisition, full rights being acquired only in cases in which they do not consent.

(3) Should we in preference acquire complete rights over the whole area?

(4) In this case what use should be made of the danger zone area over which we give to the Military authorities only firing rights.

37. As regards the legality of partial acquisition, the Revenue Secretary and the Legislative Secretariat may be consulted.

I am afraid this cannot be done compulsorily
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38. As regards the last point it might be desirable to consult the Conservator of Forests as to the possibility of making the area into a timber plantation as an alternative to giving it out for pasture or to plantation to the people.

39. The Residency will have to be addressed after these questions are settled and a form of Agreement prepared for giving effect to the exchange on the lines of Sir Charles Todhunter's Note.

DEWAN'S OFFICE.
Received on
27. SEP. 1926
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No. 107. Chi

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40. It does not seem desirable however advantageous it might be otherwise to

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acquire the land only partly.
The best plan would be to
acquire the land fully and
use them for a fuel plantation
The S. S factories require
fuel badly and I think
may well pay a part
of the cost. However
some portion of the cost may
also be made up of the
disposal of the present range
Estimates may now be prepared
as to the cost of shifting the
range and a British battalion
officered & Col Land on may
do this. Now that we have
a new a less ~~effe~~ reliable
opinion as regard the cost
of acquisition it is better to
have complete information as
regard other items of expenditure
so that we may know
the entire commitment
Is desirable to shift
the present camp from

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From Hebbal - This cannot be done within a short time & will require at least 3 or 4 years and we may be then in a financial position to provide the funds required may be discussed in Council about the end of this month

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DEWAN'S OFFICE.
Received on
30. SEP. 1926
Reg. No. 2336

Draft as put up & Resd as instructed in person.
Re C of Y. may be consulted on the feasibility or advantage of having a fuel plantation on the area acqd

Under Secy

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Issued U/S of Conservator put up.

5/10

56 No. G. 3660 dt 5/10/26. To the Conservator.
Enquiries whether the land could be leased out for raising a fuel plantation etc.
43 Resend as ordered above.

8/10/26

Submd
To the
Under Secy
Mysore as
directed through
Supdt Mys PWDs
8/10/26

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5/10/26 N. G. 3660 Encl. 1
G.M. 335-17-56

No. 108. Letter No. G.3660 dated 5th October 1926 from Mr. P.G.D'Souza to Mr. B. V. Ramiengar, Conservator of Forests. ilat

I am directed to state that it is under consideration to acquire certain land in the marginally noted villages (x) of the Bangalore taluk for use as a Rifle Range by the British Military authorities in place of the range at Hebbal which they are now using. The plan of the land proposed to be acquired is enclosed for reference. It is proposed to give full rights to the military authorities over ~~for~~ 108 acres of the area which will form the firing range proper and over the danger zone area ~~which will be~~ and is about 528 acres in extent ~~to give them firing rights~~, That is to say just with reference to clear the land whenever required by the military authorities but it will be ~~being~~ available for grazing or other purposes during other times. I am to enquire what in your opinion would be the best way of utilizing this land, whether for example it could be leased out to private people for raising fuel plantations or whether the Forest Department could themselves raise a fuel plantation on it ~~and whether this would be~~ an advantageous with ~~course~~. Further information necessary in regard to the land may be obtained from the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District and your proposals in this behalf submitted to Government very early. The plan sent herewith may be returned with your reply.

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1. Lingarajapura,
2. Byataguttapalya,
3. Hennur,
4. Kacharrakanahalli,
5. Banasvadi,
6. Chellakere.

I have etc.,

5/10 Chief Secretary to Govt.

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TEL: ADDRESS
"FORESTCON"

OFFICE OF THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
IN MYSORE.

G.M 335-17-57

Dated Bangalore, 18th Oct 1926.
Camp Mysore

No. 516.
Enc: 1

FROM

B. V. RAMAIENGAR, ESQ., B.A.,
Conservator of Forests in Mysore.

To

~~The~~ ~~Secretary~~ ~~to~~ ~~Government~~

No. 109. Letter No. C.516 dated 18th Oct. 1926 from Mr. B. V. Ramiengar, Conservator of Forests, to Mr. R. Ranga Rao, General Secretary to Government.

With reference to your letter No. G.3660/GM.335-17-56 dated the 8th October 1926, I have the honour to state that it would be better if the area in question is under the control of the Forest Department and utilised for raising a fuel plantation just as in Hebbal Butts. But it requires the co-operation of the Military authorities in the prevention of illicit fellings etc., by the Camp followers of the Military. This I think, can be secured without much difficulty.

2. As soon as the area is handed over I will draw up a Scheme for planting up the area in the course of ten years with suitable species of economic value.

3. The Plan is herewith returned.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
B.V. Ramaiengar
Conservator of Forests.

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Submitted to His Highness.

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With His Highness's approval, Mr. Pears was informed that His Highness's Government would be prepared to give the area of 636 acres acquired for the new Rifle Range and further information furnished in regard to the cost of acquiring etc.

Of the 636 acres it was stated that full rights would be wanted only on 108 acres and firing rights on 528 acres.

The question whether it would be possible to acquire 528 acres and permit cultivation or other use of the lands by the occupants and pay them reduced compensation was referred to the Revenue Commissioner. It is reported that the cost of acquisition of full rights over the Rifle Range and the danger zone area is estimated at Rs.66,630/- and Rs.3,28,815/- respectively, and the cost of acquisition of only firing rights over the danger zone area is Rs.82,712/-. The Revenue Commissioner is of opinion that it is not desirable to acquire mere firing rights and he doubts whether such a procedure would be legal, having regard to the provisions of the Land Acquisition Regulation. I have got the matter further examined since the receipt of the Revenue Commissioner's report and consider that it may be dealt with on the following basis:-

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(a) The full extent of 636 acres to be acquired, but we should bear the cost of acquiring only the area consisting of the Range proper and firing zone in the present Rifle Range, i.e., 450 acres. The Military authorities may be asked to pay the price of the remainder.

As to what has to be done with the land over which only firing rights are required, it may be left over for future consideration.

(b) The whole land occupying the new Rifle Range and danger zone will revert to His Highness's Government whenever the Military authorities do not require it as such.

(c) Only such conveniences as are now available on the old range will be provided at our cost, the Military authorities bearing the cost of all improvements and additional facilities.

(d) Jurisdiction will remain with us.

These terms were considered in Council who are in favour of these proposals.

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This is a matter on which we have to proceed somewhat slowly as we have no funds at present to acquire the lands.

I shall discuss the matter informally with the Resident before sending him an official communication and submit a further report to His Highness. Meanwhile, I am submitting the papers for His Highness's information or such orders as may be passed.

Z.

Mirza M. Ismail

Bangalore,
29th January 1927.

S.N.

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D.O. No. C-84/Enc: one file and letter. No. 639)

THE PALACE,
MYSORE.

February 2nd, 1927.

My dear Mirza,

As the draft of conditions on which you propose to make the exchange of rifle ranges referred to in the file herewith appears to be based in some measure on my note of July 16th, I hope you will pardon my noting again with reference to the changes that have taken place since that date.

In the first place, inasmuch as the suggestion for the acquisition of 'firing rights' originated with the Government of India, I would venture to suggest that you should give them an opportunity of showing how these rights can be acquired. What they say they want is the right to deny access; they presumably possess this in the case of other ranges all over India, and have some means, in British India, at any rate, of acquiring the right in question. I think therefore it would be well to ask them how they propose to do so before telling them that it is impossible.

Of course, if they take the responsibility, conditions 2 and 3 of those attached to the letter will no longer apply. On the other hand, if you make them pay for 186 acres, I don't quite see how you can make them hand that area over free of cost when the range ceases to be used, vide condition 7.

Another minor point seems worthy of attention. It would appear that, in exchange for a piece of the danger zone that the Mysore Government is allowed to use for the Hebbal farm, they are giving the British Government a similar area for the Institute of Animal Husbandry and Dairying. If the Mysore Government are to acquire full rights in the former under the arrangement for exchange of ranges, there seems to be no reason why rent should not be paid for the latter thereafter, more especially as it will no longer be the Military Department that is concerned.

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As you are apparently not in a position to proceed with acquisition in any case, it might perhaps be a good way in the first instance to put upon the British authorities the burden of showing how their proposal is to be carried out. In case you should think this desirable, I attach a draft d.o. for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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3.2.27

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D.O. 1408

Draft

My dear Mr. Pears,

It has taken much longer than I expected to forward you the detailed official communication on the subject of the exchange of a new area of land for the Hebbal Rifle Range which I promised you in my d.o.No.171 of 17th July last.

The reason for this ~~difficulty~~ arises out of the proposal made in your note of the discussions of 1st August 1925 "that the State should transfer to the Government of India what may be described as 'firing rights' over the proposed danger zone, amounting to some 528 acres. These 'firing rights' would not necessarily amount to full proprietary rights; they amount to little more than the right to deny access of all humans and animals to the danger zone during such time as the Military authorities might require the zone in connection with their musketry." An examination into the matter shows we have no power compulsorily to acquire rights of this nature; an endeavour to secure them by agreement shows that the villagers are unwilling to concede them; and experience of present conditions at Hebbal seems to indicate that there is no effective denial of access to the danger zone. Nor does it seem possible to secure an effective denial of access without costly fencing and other arrangements.

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These difficulties must, however, have presented themselves in other parts of India, and therefore before concluding that they are insuperable, I think it is best to place them

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them before you and hope that you may be able to suggest a solution.

Should you be unable to do so, the only alternative that suggests itself is complete acquisition, and even this would not be sufficient to secure a complete denial of access to the zone unless it was coupled with administration of the land under Government control, as for instance as a fuel reserve or grazing block. Even then a secure fence would appear to be essential.

It will be obvious that, if complete acquisition is required, it would not be possible for the State to give the whole area of 636 acres free of charge, and perhaps the fairest arrangement would be for His Highness's Government to pay for the acquisition of an area equal to that of the present range while the Military Department met the cost of the remainder. [This, I fear, would be an expensive matter as the land is valued at nearly four lakhs of rupees.]

Yours sincerely,

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